

## Nov. 18 Parley In Phila. to Launch Statewide CRC

PHILADELPHIA.—The Civil Rights Congress has indicated its support of the proposal to establish a State Civil Rights Commission announced by the seven Negro Republican candidates for the General Assembly. In a letter to E. Washington Rhodes, local chairman of the Negro Republican campaign committee, J. B. Zucker, executive secretary of the Philadelphia Civil Rights Congress said:

"THIS MORNING I read with great interest the announcement by you that seven Negro Republican candidates for the General Assembly will seek the establishment of a State Civil Rights Commission. On behalf of the Board of Directors of the Civil Rights Congress, I wish to take this opportunity to assure you that our organization will wholeheartedly support this type of legislation in the coming sessions of the State Legislature.

"The events in Oxford where the State Civil Rights Act was flagrantly violated not only by private citizens, but by public authorities, as well as the discrimination and segregation in the school system, the

National Guard and many other public institutions, certainly emphasize the necessity of such a commission.

"IT IS OUR considered judgment that such a commission should have substantial authority to enforce its findings and that legislation should be passed which would make it a criminal offense to discriminate against citizens because of their race, creed or national origin.

"It seems to us that white America bears a special responsibility to guarantee that the fight for this type of legislation is won. The fight for full democracy in our country transcends political partisan considerations.

"We sincerely hope that particularly the white candidates of all the parties will publicly affirm their support of this type of legislation and will vigorously work for its enactment in the coming session of the State Legislature."

# THOUSANDS OF UNIONISTS HEAR FITZ, WRIGHT

PHILADELPHIA.—A meeting of 1,500 workers at the gates of the huge General Electric plant in Southwest Philadelphia last week highlighted the developing Progressive Party election drive which is reported winning an unprecedented response among workers and the Negro people throughout this state.

Progressive Party candidates directly reached more than 10,000 persons in this area during a week of intensive campaigning, according to Henry Beitscher, Philadelphia Progressive director.

The greatest turnout and the best response was in working class and Negro areas, he declared. This was in line with the unusually large and enthusiastic meetings held in working class and Negro communities in Western Pennsylvania.

Beitscher said that in addition to the 1,500 GE workers, more than 400 Budd Auto workers heard Progressive candidates Tom Fitzpatrick, for Governor, and Alexander Wright, for Lieutenant Governor.

He declared that of the hundreds of leaflets distributed to Budd workers as they entered the plant only three were found discarded afterward.

**SIMILAR MEETINGS** were held at the gates of the SKF steel plant here and the Westinghouse electric plant in nearby Lester, Pa.

Three street corner meetings in Negro areas, Broad and South, 40th and Lancaster and 52nd and Market, drew crowds from 150 to 300 persons.

"People we never saw before gave us money when we didn't even ask for it," Beitscher declared, "and many strangers took

our leaflets to distribute in their own communities.

Beitscher said that a small group of hecklers in trying to disrupt the GE meeting, only succeeded in attracting the attention of workers throughout the area who poured into the street from the plant and nearby restaurants to hear Tom Fitzpatrick, electrical workers leader in East Pittsburgh's Westinghouse plant, and Wright.

A crowd of about 600 workers heard the Progressive candidates during lunch hour last Friday. As the hecklers began their attempted disruption, the crowd grew.

Finally, Alexander Wright gave the microphone to one of the hecklers, who yelled, "Do they have freedom of speech in Russia?"

Wright answered he was mainly concerned about freedom of speech in Alabama, Mississippi and the very corner on which he was trying to speak.

The heckler then asked about the GI's dying in Korea.

Wright answered that the Progressives propose to stop the killing of American youth by ending the Korean war and bringing them back home.

As he finished workers leaning from windows in the plant greeted him with a round of applause. Afterward workers were heard berating the hecklers for trying to disrupt the meeting.

Other rallies, attended by 100 to 200 persons were held at Broad St. and Olney Ave. and Germantown and Cheltenham, the area in which Reverend Ripley Forbes is running for Congress.

### Progressive Party's 1950 Candidates

The following are Pennsylvania's Progressive Party candidates for whom you can vote on Nov. 7.

**U.S. Senator:** Mrs. Lillian Narins, Philadelphia.

**Governor:** Tom Fitzpatrick, Pittsburgh.

**Lieut. Governor:** Alexander Wright, Pittsburgh.

**Congress:** Rev. Kenneth Ripley Forbes, 6th C.D., Philadelphia; Herbert Clickman, 29th District, Pittsburgh.

**State Senator:** Catherine J. Harley, 28th District, York.

**State Representative:** William Hamlet, Allegheny District 1; Fred Uzelac, Allegheny District 10; Thomas Quinn, Allegheny District 10; John Brickajalik, Bucks County; John E. Gillespie, District 1, Chester; Harry Polk, District 18, Philadelphia; Anna Solomon Dubow, District 20, Phila.; Josephine Hughes, District 20, Phila.; Sylvan Levey, District 22; Phila.; Harry W. Truitt, District 2, Westmoreland; John Bates, District 3, Westmoreland; Henry W. Logeman, District 2, York.

## Josephine Hughes, Fighting Candidate

PHILADELPHIA.—Mrs. Josephine Hughes, running for State Legislature on the Progressive Party ticket, is the kind of candidate to whom campaign promises are far more than just nice words on paper. Her election platform is based on issues for which she

has been a tireless fighter in her community for 20 years.

As a wage-earner in the needle trades industry, and now in the electrical industry, and as sole support of her three children for the last 15 years, Mrs. Hughes has firsthand acquaintance with every pressing problem of the people.

**EVERY ISSUE** that she lists as she speaks to audiences throughout the city is one she has faced acutely herself, or has worked in some organization to help others find a solution for. She has worked with the Progressive Party in efforts to improve slum housing in the Negro community in her area—and many victories have been won.

She is campaigning on a platform that calls for ending job discrimination practiced against Negroes with an especial interest in opening job opportunities for Negro youth.

The mother of a 20-year-old son who has spent some months trying to find a place in the trade he learned in school, Josephine Hughes is keenly aware of how much has to be done to make fair employment laws effective.

**ANOTHER ISSUE** is the need for day nurseries. Remembering



MRS. JOSEPHINE HUGHES

Douglass-Singerly School in the congested 47th Ward. The movement was successful, and since then she has been a leader in one movement after another for jobs, civil rights or peace.

"As a fighter for civil rights, the Progressive Party stands for the things I believe in and have fought for all my life," Mrs.

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### Mrs. Harley In York Campaign

Another leading Negro woman candidate on the Progressive ticket is Mrs. Catherine Harley, running for State Senator from York County.

Mrs. Harley has been making a deep impression on her neighbors in the York community by campaigning vigorously for the freedom of Lieut. Leon A. Gilbert, Negro officer condemned to death in Korea.

In a radio address over York radio station WNOW Mrs. Harley denounced a proposed city ordinance aimed at quelling "industrial disturbances" as a "direct threat to labor."

She has also campaigned for the clean-up of gambling rackets in York, which she charges the Democratic administration has made no effort to clean up.

### Workers Correspondence

## DUFF ACTION ON MILLS AROUSES PEOPLE IN 3rd C.D.

Philadelphia.

Dear Editor:

More and more people in this community are voicing their opinion against this state's policy in trying to send Fletcher Mills back to Alabama to face a lynch mob.

Fletcher Mills was attacked by a white farmer on one of the big plantations in Alabama when his cattle broke out and went on the adjoining farm. Mills defended himself, doing minor injury to the man. A mob was quickly organized. Mills evaded the mob and came North. Now Gov. Duff is trying to send Mills back to Alabama, but the people in the Third C. D., where I live, are determined that this shall not happen.

**MILLS IS ONLY PART** of the whole pattern of jimcrow terror and oppression. Byard Jenkins still rots away in jail on a framedup charge, also Willie McGee whom the people have taken four times from the electric chair; the 7 Negroes framed for rape in Martinsville, Va., and the Trenton Six.

I visited a family of five living in an apartment of one room cut into two, with a semi-private bath. This is where three school age children lived with their mother and father. Mrs. X—said I don't want to live here, but we have to stay some place.

So Negroes are systematically forced to the worst slum conditions. With poverty and oppression striking from every side, the only way is to organize, like the Civil Rights Congress is doing.



## Reuther Admits

# Main War Costs Placed on Workers

By George Morris

Walter Reuther, in a letter to War Mobilization Chief W. Stuart Symington, charged that labor leaders were completely ignored when plans were drawn for the new consumer credit regulations that are shutting the small-income people out of the market for homes, cars and other goods.

"Not one in government took the trouble to so much as inform our union, for example, that measures were under consideration that might well deprive hundreds of thousands of our members of their jobs and pay and shut them off from access to homes, cars and other durable goods," Reuther complained.

Ironically, Reuther was one of the committee of nine labor leaders that submitted in August a much-advertised plan to Symington on a permanent labor advisory setup in support of the war mobilization program. His long, bitterly-worded letter shattered the nonsense, claimed by labor leaders, that they are "partners" in war mobilization planning.

Reuther charges that the Federal Reserve Board, dominated by a "banking mentality," followed the line set forth by Taft in a Senate speech. Taft advised that

if a 50 percent down payment would be required on car purchases, sales would drop by 2,000,000 cars a year and 2,000,000 tons of steel would be released for armaments.

THE UAW'S HEAD also cited the results of a survey which indicated that approximately 75 to 80 percent of the small-income people would be shut off the housing market because of the requirement of a \$2,300 down payment on a \$10,000 home.

"The same workers and low-income consumers have already been selected as the artificial victims of most other defense preparations to date," Reuther admitted.

The union leader reiterates his full support of the war drive, which he now admits is bringing forth unwanted fruits. He charges only bad management of the war program and wants a labor-management conference to talk things

over. Reuther's protest received no serious attention, however, from the hard-headed corporation executives running the war drive. Meanwhile the first reports on the effect of the new credit rules showed New York department store sales slipping to only one percent above last year for the corresponding period. Sales had been running 10 or more percent above last year. Car sales are dropping heavily.

CORPORATE PROFITS for the second quarter of 1950 jumped to a new all-time record, topping the first quarter of 1950 by 25 percent, according to the Commerce Department. Profits before taxes reached the staggering figure of \$37,400,000,000 a year. The annual level after taxes is now \$22,200,000,000, also an all-time high.

The Labor Department's cost of living index hiked another half point to 173.8 for the month of September.

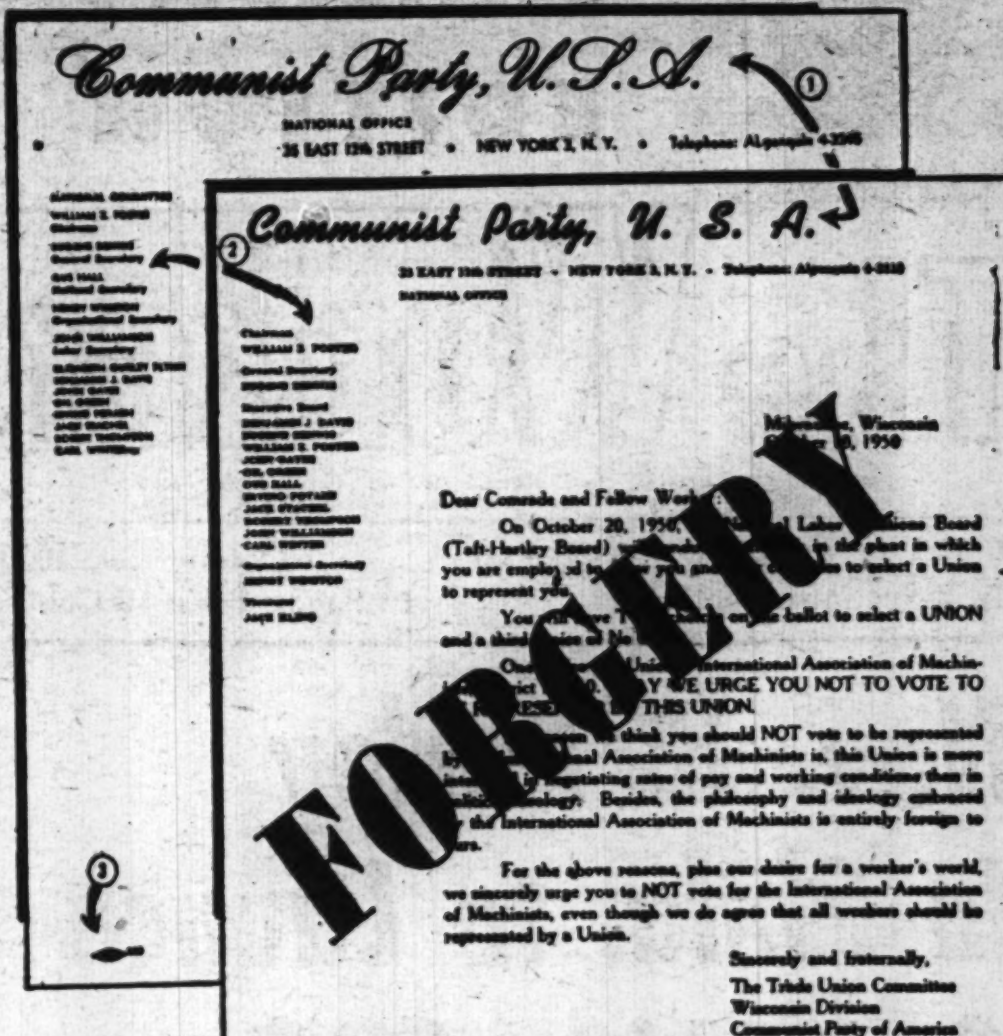
The howl raised by Reuther is undoubtedly intended more for the consumption of his million dissatisfied members than for any real practical results. Basically it is the drive towards war, which Reuther demanded for years, that produced the conditions of which he now complains.

Far from being the fruits of "mismanagement" or lack of "coordination" in the war program, as charged by Reuther in his letter, the credit restrictions are PLANNED deliberately to conform to the war drive. With the rise in the cost of living and pressure for raises, the planners want to shut off most wage earners from most durable goods so they could devote their declining purchasing power entirely to covering food, clothing, rent and mounting taxes.

This result is actually a by-product of the general policy of shifting steel and other materials for war and cutting consumer products in many fields. Thus, as Reuther admits, the goods that are available will go mainly to the "well-heeled," not handicapped by credit restrictions.



## A Big Lie That Didn't Work



MILWAUKEE.—The CIO United Steelworkers of America won bargaining rights for 425 workers at the local Continental Can plant and 325 more at the American Can Co. in a National Labor Board election, defeating the International Association of Machinists by a decisive margin.

The night before the election all workers in these plants received a forged document in the mails purporting to be from the Communist Party, and urging them to vote against the machinists union.

The Communist Party of Wisconsin denounced the letter as a crude forgery and demanded of both the state and federal district attorneys that an investigation be conducted of the letter.

The forgery is reproduced above against the background of a genuine letterhead of the Communist Party. Notice difference in types used (1) and (2), and union label (3) on the genuine letterhead.

## Calif. Progressive Race Shakes Corrupt War Parties

LOS ANGELES.—The Independent Progressive Party election campaign in California is hitting the corrupt-ridden, war-party administrations in the big cites and the

paig is that being waged by Los Angeles mayoralty candidate Robert Kenny, who heads the recall movement against Mayor Fletcher Bowron. Making police brutality, corruption and graft, and witch-hunting hysteria the spokes of his election vehicle, Kenny is amassing a large vote, according to campaign observers in Los Angeles.

Running against four other mayoralty candidates, Kenny is considered to have a good chance of rolling up the biggest progressive vote in L. A. history. The ferocious attacks on him by Mayor Bowron reflects considerable fears among the corrupt-administration officials that the recall movement to be voted on Nov. 7 may succeed.

Probably the most dramatic cam-

# Army Weighs Appeals for Doomed Negro Lieut.

The Judge Advocate General's office in Washington, D. C., this week heard two appeals for revocation of the death sentence on 30-year-old Lt. Leon Anthony Gilbert, Jr., Negro officer of York, Pa., with the 24th Infantry Regiment in Korea.

As Lt. Gilbert awaited outcome of the review of his case in an Army stockade in Japan, a delegation of 21 representatives of labor, civic and religious organizations from New York, Baltimore and Philadelphia appealed directly to Maj. Gen. E. M. Brannon, Army Judge Advocate General.

On Tuesday, the following day, Lt. Gilbert's lawyer, Judson Ruch of York, argued in behalf of the young Negro officer before the Army's Judicial Council in the Pentagon. Ruch was accompanied by Mrs. Kay Gilbert, the officer's wife, by representatives of NAACP and the Pittsburgh Courier, Negro weekly.

Following these hearings, the Judicial verdict and sentence of Sept. 6 in Hama, Korea, the case then goes to Army Secretary Frank Pace, Jr., and following his opinion, to President Truman, who has the power to throw out the verdict and sentence and to reinstate Lt. Gilbert.

BOTH GROUPS asked for reversal of the sentence. Attorney Ruch asked for reversal or reduction of sentence, but the three-city delegation, eight of whom were allowed to present their case to Maj. Gen. Brannon, urged "complete reversal" only, and coupled this plea with a request that the Judge Advocate General recommend to President Truman abolition of the segregation of Negro troops and all other forms of discrimination.

Moreover, the three-city delegation asked that after revocation of the death sentence, Lt. Gilbert "should immediately be given to his wife and children to make up as much as possible for the damage already done."

The eight spokesmen of this delegation included Russel Meek, executive secretary of the New York Civil Rights Council; Kurt Louise Herold, administrative sec-



LIEUT. LEON GILBERT, JR.

retary of the Harlem Chapter of the New York CRC; Ferdinand C. Smith of the Harlem Trade Union Council. They asserted that the "prejudiced death sentence" against Lt. Gilbert had made his wife seriously ill and endangered the life of their unborn child.

Both the three-city delegation and Lt. Gilbert's lawyer based their appeal on these three arguments: (1) Lt. Gilbert did not re-

ceive a fair trial; (2) he was suffering from severe shock and emotional disturbance at the time of his alleged refusal to obey an order to advance in the face of enemy fire; (3) the court martial lacked jurisdiction since the "police action" in Korea was not "war," and under provisions of the Manual for Court Martial as issued by the Judge Advocate General's office, the maximum sentence for insubordination in the course of a police action is five years.

IN ADDITION to these arguments, however, the three-city delegation emphasized the jimcrow frameup character of the court martial. They cited the fact that prosecution witnesses were relieved from combat duty to testify against Lt. Gilbert, while important defense witnesses were not allowed to leave the front, even though some were only 200 yards away. Perhaps the clearest indication

of the prejudice of this trial," declared Smith, "was the statement by the commanding General of the 25th Division, Maj. Gen. William Keane, who said before the trial 'I will not rest until I get a death sentence for Gilbert.'"

Meek, underscoring the jimcrow conditions surrounding the court martial, expressed the opinion that jimcrow U. S. army itself is a violation of the United Nations Charter, and that the UN has responsibility for discipline of troops under its command.

Maj. Gen. Brannon and his aides listened attentively to the arguments, but reserved comment. The 13 members excluded from the hearing "for lack of space" included Morris Greenbaum, CRC lawyer; Dr. Clementina Paolone, New York physician and American Labor Party candidate for Lieut. Governor; the Rev. Dr. Spencer Kennard of the American Baptist Foreign Mission Society; and Mrs. Grace B. Dilworth of Baltimore's Christ Methodist Church.



# Harlem Unionists Map Drive for Jobs

By John Hudson Jones

Floor discussion and reports at the recent Harlem Trade Union Council conference illustrated the need and determination of the Council to spur job apprenticeship training among Negroes. Announcing a fight to put Negroes into the aircraft industry, council secretary Ferdinand C. Smith mentioned the recent newspaper hullabaloo about a Negro jet plane pilot in Korea.

"But that same Negro couldn't help build the plane back home and earn money to feed his children," Smith charged.

The Harlem meeting was called to carry out the program adopted at the historic Chicago Trade Union Conference for Negro Rights last June. The major decision there called for "a nationwide, plant by plant, union by union" campaign for a "model FEPC clause" in all union contracts.

Floor discussion from the delegates of 16 unions and community groups revealed increasing attacks on the few job opportunities Negroes do have today. And this despite the "democracy" promises being thrown around by the Truman Administration since the outbreak of the Korean war.

A RANK AND FILE SEAMAN charged that 75 percent of all the victims of Coast Guard screening have been Negroes and Puerto Ricans. This attack on seamen was decreed by President Truman and joyfully accepted by Joseph Curran, president of the National Maritime Union.

"This anti-Negro screening is going to spread to other industries unless the war danger is beat down," the seaman warned the conference.

Proof of the basically anti-Negro, anti-union nature of the federal government's labor policies was provided by a Veterans Administration worker who told of new regulations prohibiting workers from taking outside jobs, outside activities, and using information gathered on the job. These rules hit mainly low-paid Negro workers who need outside work and union action against bias. Hospital workers told how militant action by the United Public Workers at the Bronx Veterans Hospital has won better conditions for Negro dietary workers, despite firings and threats.

AS IN CHICAGO, the Harlem conference's action was designed to unite the civil and jobs rights struggle. It called on the Chicago conference continuations committee to begin planning the proposed civil rights march on Washington in January. It provided for an immediate job apprenticeship program among Negroes. It mapped action supporting the Domestic Workers Union demands for social security benefits.

"We're organizing to get the people of the community to join with organized labor on a program for Negro rights," declared Smith. "We don't want anymore token jobs in any industry. We want full integration on all job levels and we'll fight until we win it."

Visiting the conference "just to listen and exchange ideas with you" was Paul Robeson, who spoke briefly. The great Negro peace fighter, artist, and leader, hailed the HTUC program. "We Negroes have great power today if the bricks in the lockout of 1946.

of the meeting and a rank and file longshoremen's leader summed up the meeting and Robeson's participation.

"It is important," Jacobs said, "that the most important Negro of our times is on the side of his people and the working class."

only we'll learn how to use it," Robeson said.

Andronicus Jacobs, co-chairman



Dr. William E. DuBois, American Labor Party candidate for U. S. Senate, arm-in-arm with two ALP candidates at a meeting in Buffalo, N. Y. (L. to r.) Miss Mary Williams, ALP candidate for State Assembly from Buffalo; Dr. DuBois and Mrs. Margaret Annacone, ALP candidate for State Assembly from Buffalo.

## Peace Fight to Keynote CP National Convention

The 15th national convention of the Communist Party will convene in New York City on Dec. 15-16-17, William Z. Foster, national chairman, and Gus Hall, national secretary, announced this week.

Plans for the convention were made at the party's Sept. 28 national committee meeting and will be carried out in line with the party's constitution, which provides national conventions, shall be held every two years.

"Pre-convention discussion is hereby opened," declared the convention call. "The pre-convention shall be based on the draft resolution presented by the national committee. This basic document shall be published shortly in the first issue of the pre-convention discussion bulletin."

"The central, all-decisive task in the proceedings of the convention will be the fight for peace," Foster and Hall declared. "Rejecting the Wall Street-inspired thesis that world war is inevitable, the convention will resolutely face the task of mobilizing the widest possible unity of all people of good will to save the peace, to defeat Wall Street's imperialist drive to enslave the world, to halt the war in Korea, to prevent its spread to China and other parts of the Far East."

High on the list of problems to be dealt with, said the convention call, is the "alarming growth of violence and police-state repression symbolized by the enactment of the fascist McCarran Law." The convention, the call continued, will take steps to:

- Rally the people to bar the further advance of fascism.
- Save the Bill of Rights and

restore constitutional liberties.

- Nullify and repeal the McCarran Act, the Smith Act, the Taft-Hartley Law.
- Stop the savage attacks on the Negro people and the nation itself.

"The Communist Party has already demonstrated that it will fight courageously for its rights and those of the people, despite all intimidation and repression," said the convention call.

"While safeguarding the unity of the party," the call added, "and bearing in mind the conditions under which we work, the discussion must, through the vigorous application of the principles of criticism and self-criticism, uncover shortcomings, weaknesses and mistakes in party work. Only in this way can it help equip the party to make its full contribution to the struggle for peace, democracy and socialism."

Delegates to the national convention will be elected at state convention. To qualify for election, a delegate must be a good-standing member of the party for at least two years. Each state or district organization, according to the plan, shall elect one delegate for every 200 good-standing members or fraction thereof. Good-standing membership will be based on an average dues payment of the districts for the first 11 months of 1950.

All amendments to the draft political resolution and Party Constitution, as well as presentation of other resolutions or motions, the convention call stated, shall be submitted to the national convention by state conventions and delegates.

### END 4-YEAR PICKETING

HOLLYWOOD — (FP) — Pickets of Local 948, Studio Carpenters Union (AFL) have been withdrawn from the gates of the movie-making factories—four years and six days after they first hit the bricks in the lockout of 1946.

## on the scoreboard

by lester rodney

RAY ROBINSON, who knows the score from way back, is plenty cynical about that supposed middleweight title fight with Jake LaMotta, scheduled for Chicago in February. He's afraid of a runout by the guy he whipped four out of five times already. And you can't blame him after the runarounds he's had—mostly by the New York State Boxing Commission, which is Governor Dewey's property.

BERNIE BIERMAN is probably through after two decades as Minnesota head coach. The 48-0 shellacking by Ohio State was the last straw convincing even the twin city sportswriters who had previously tended to defend him. Truth is the parade has passed old Bernie by. Minnesota material is not nearly that bad. Those who blamed it all on the fact that he used the single wing instead of the newer T were shocked to see Ohio State's speed, power, and multiple ball handling deception wrapped up in an imaginative single wing. The contrast to the Bierman straight slogging was sharp. Another point against Bierman brought out is his constant emphasis that the team hasn't got it. "If the current Gophers are to believe the evaluation of their coaches that they just don't have it," wrote one scribe, "they could hardly be blamed if they gave up now and put all the rest of their games in the defeat column."

POLL OF sports writers named Casey Stengel and Eddie Sawyer as Managers of the Year. We'll go along with Sawyer, but would name Red Rolfe in the American. Not to take anything away from Stengel, but the Yanks were really much more solid than all the pre-season weeping indicated, and Rolfe went further with the material he had at Detroit. Bucky Harris rates a rattling hand for finishing fifth with last year's cellar team, too. Manager of the Year in reverse? That man in Brooklyn who acts like a public school teacher on the bench, and puts mature men in a doghouse.

BOBBY RIGGS finding it hard to rouse any real interest in this year's tennis tour. The selection of Gussie Moran was a shameless bit of trading on supposed glamor, having nothing in common with the presentation of really fine tennis by women. The fans are not going for it in a big way . . . not at those prices. For cheesecake they can always take in a movie cheaper.

THE CHICAGO BEARS and New York Yanks clash twice in the next three weeks, and that may tell the story in their division, although no one is yet counting out the high scoring L. A. Rams. Lots of angles in the Bear-Yank games. The respective quarterbacks Johnny Lujack and George Ratterman, were teammates at Notre Dame, and many insist that Ratterman is the superior ball manipulator and passer and should have been the Irish quarterback, with Lujack's great running talents used at halfback. Ratterman himself strongly thinks so and may be out to prove a point.

Each team has one tremendous fullback rookie—Morrison of Ohio State for the Bears, Toth of LSU for the Yanks. All three of the Yanks great Negro stars, Sherman Howard, Buddy Young and George Talieferro, will have relatives in the stands during the Chicago game. Howard and Young live in Chicago and Talieferro hails from Gary, Indiana, just thirty miles away.

ARMY COACH BLAIK'S blast at the pro game in Colliers is a phony from start to finish. He says the pros don't play for real football, just put on a show for dough. Of course the pros play for dough. The difference is they do it without the hypocrisy of the "amateurs" like West Point. What do Blaik and the other Army Colonels bring their team to the Yankee Stadium for every year—to build character?

## Report Steel Union Leaders Ask 25 Cents Hourly Raise

PITTSBURGH. — The Pittsburgh Daily Reporter, newspaper being published by the newspaper unions during the tieup of the three big dailies here, reports that it has learned from "reliable sources" that the chief demands of the CIO United Steelworkers Union are a 25-cents an hour wage boost and paid vacations of one week after a year's employment, two weeks after three years, and three weeks after 15 years on the job.

The Reporter confirmed our disclosure last week of demands for time and a half for Saturday work, double time for work on Sundays, double time and a half for holidays worked, with straight time for holidays not worked.

Additional demands now reported include strict seniority in cases of lay-offs by eliminating the company's present right to take into consideration "other factors being equal." General and grievance committee members would have "super-seniority", thus keeping union representatives on their jobs during lay-offs of workers with longer service.

Other reported demands include:

- Where a company saves through installation of new machinery the workers involved shall have their rates raised accordingly. This is in line with Philip Murray's often expressed opinion that the workers should "share" in profits from increased production.

- Workers, leaving a company unless quitting or being fired, should get severance pay.

- Changes asked for in grievance procedure include the bypassing of foremen, with grievances carried direct to department heads; and institution of definite time schedules for speeding settlement of complaints.

- Elimination of wage differentials, especially in southern mills and in ore-mining fields.

- Consideration of a guaranteed annual wage for hourly-paid workers.

DEEP SECRECY still prevails regarding the specific demands, of which the rank and file have not yet been informed. The Reporter points out that "Obviously, several of the requests are talking points destined to meet a quick end, once the negotiators get down to serious talks." Some, it comments, "are traditional requests ones the union has sacrificed in the past to obtain more strongly desired concessions."

The negotiations with "Big Steel", which were resumed Oct. 27 under Murray's direct leadership for the union, are expected to set the contract pattern for the entire industry.





## Musmanno Gets Grand Jury To Indict Pgh. CP Leaders

By James H. Dolsen

PITTSBURGH.—High pressured by Judge Michael A. Musmanno and the groups behind his anti-Communist crusade, the Allegheny County grand jury has returned indictments charging violation of the state sedition law against Steve Nelson, chairman of the Communist Party of Western Pennsylvania, Andrew Onda, Party Organizer in steel, and James H. Dolsen, The Worker correspondent. All three are out under \$10,000 cash bail, put up by the Civil Rights Congress.

District Attorney Wm. A. Ra-hauser declared that the case will come up in its regular turn. Ordinarily cases in which a true bill is returned by the grand jury do not come up for trial for five or six months. The law requires that the cases of all defendants held in jail awaiting disposition of the charges against them must be first cleared up.

THE JUDGE TOLD the waiting reporters that he had "proof" he was not waging a war on Communism for "political reasons." They are still waiting for the proof.

"I have been fighting Communism in Pennsylvania since the Commies organized a company

union during the coal strike in 1925 and helped to break the strike," he asserted.

Old miners do not recall a strike in 1925. The only union then was the United Mineworkers, which had been through the critical strikes of 1922-1923, that left it in a seriously weakened condition.

A "Save the Union" Committee had been organized under the leadership of John Brophy, then president of District 2. Powers Hapgood, who died recently, was also a leader in the movement.

Brophy has long been a right-hand man of Philip Murray, while Hapgood became CIO organizer in Indiana. Is Musmanno charging Brophy with being a Communist or with organizing a company union?

The Communists of that period supported the "Save the Union" movement, as they support today the progressive forces in the labor movement everywhere.

MUSMANNO HAS repeatedly proclaimed that his "war" on Communism started in 1923. That was about the time he returned from studying at the fascist university of Rome, Italy! The judge would like the workers of Pennsylvania to forget this period in his life.

## CRC Backs Plan For Civil Rights Unit

PHILADELPHIA.—Spurred by growing attacks on the civil liberties of the people of Pennsylvania, particularly in the Pittsburgh area, a movement has been begun to set-up a state-wide Civil Rights Congress organization.

Initiated by Aubrey Grossman, national CRC organizational director, the movement is gaining support among a number of civil liberties leaders who plan to form the new organization at a state-wide conference in Philadelphia, Nov. 18.

The main tasks of the state-wide organization would be to develop and unify mass struggles against the McCarran Law, state sedition law and police state laws enacted in a number of Pennsylvania communities, according to J. S. Zucker, executive secretary of the CRC in Eastern Pennsylvania.

IN ADDITION a major campaign is planned around the defense of the democratic rights of the people of Pittsburgh, whose liberties have been undermined considerably by red-hysteria whipped up by Judge Michael Musmanno.

Zucker declared that delegates to the Nov. 18th conference are invited from trade unions, civic groups, churches and CRC chapters now in existence.

He also said that existing civil liberties organizations, including the American Civil Liberties Union, Anti-Defamation League, NAACP and the Elks Civil Liberties Committee are being asked to send representatives as delegates or as observers.

In addition to the fight on police state legislation, the new state-wide CRC organization is aimed at building these specific struggles:

For the Freedom of Fletcher Mills, Byard Jenkins and Lt. Leon A. Gilbert; enforcement and strengthening of the state Civil Service Act; against police brutality on a state scale; against jim-crow in the army and national guard; repeal of the Taft-Hartley law and state anti-labor legislation; defense of the foreign-born and defense of academic freedom.

## HUGHES

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Hughes says, recalling some of her many activities.

SHE WORKED in the campaign for the hiring of a Negro manager in a chain store on Dauphin St., and in the more recent successful effort for the hiring of Negro salesgirls in the five and ten cent store at 17th and Susquehanna.

She was a delegate to the Labor Peace Conference in Chicago, and in very recent days has worked to secure the dismissal of charges against canvassers arrested while circulating the Stockholm Peace Petition.

Josephine Hughes has become known to many more people as the person who founded the North Philadelphia chapter of the Civil Rights Congress. The group has a record of action on outstanding cases like the Trenton Six and the Willie McFee case, and has made a remarkable achievement in keeping Fletcher Mills, thus far, in freedom.

The North Philadelphia CRC chapter, she explained, is fighting the extradition of Mills, a former Alabama sharecropper, accused of striking his white landlord.

They are seeking now to have Gov. Duff retract his signing of papers which would send Mills back to Alabama and lynch justice.

"Gov. Duff, by this action, has contradicted all of the things he is supposed to stand for," Mrs. Hughes said. "I hope that the Negro people, as well as all other voters, will use hard common sense in the coming elections and vote for candidates in view of their past records of working for the common good."

"I would like them to vote for me as a Negro woman, a worker and a mother. I feel that I know the wants and needs of the working people and could represent and fight for them because in my life I have experienced all the major problems they face."

## Break Windows Report Steel Union Leaders At Home of Correspondent

PITTSBURGH.—Windows in the apartment of James H. Dolsen, the Worker correspondent, were broken twice in the past two weeks by stones. Police were notified in each case. Windows in the home of Attorney Hymen Schlessinger were also broken by hoodlums.

This gangsterism broke out coincident with more inflammatory statements by Judge Michael A. Musmanno and his Republican rival in red-baiting—Judge Blair F. Gunther. Both are utilizing their election campaign to blow up the anti-Communist hysteria.

Judge Gunther demanded that the State Liquor Control Board padlock the Serbian Progressive Club of Wilmerding and the International Workers Order Club of Curtisville because of "Red domination."

A particularly vicious letter was received by Steve Nelson just before his release from the county jail. An unsigned "veteran," quite evidently the victim of Judge Musmanno's incitations and newspaper-aroused prejudice, warned Steve he would be killed as soon as he was out.

## News Agencies Boycott Union Daily Paper

PITTSBURGH.—Newspaper Guild members and members of other unions who are getting out the new Pittsburgh Daily Reporter during the strike of the Post-Gazette, Sun-Telegraph and Pittsburgh Press are fast learning the difference between the rights of a free press as declared in the federal and state constitutions and the controls exerted against such freedoms by the monopolies.

The Reporter discloses that it has been denied the right of purchasing comic strips and cartoons by the syndicates which control them. The big news agencies won't supply the paper with their services.

These monopolies prefer to lose all sales in Pittsburgh temporarily rather than to supply with their services a paper replacing the three dailies which have arbitrarily "furloughed" all their employees. The refusal is in spite of the assurance of The Reporter that its publication will cease as soon as the dailies resume publication.

"The hundreds of locked-out newspaper workers" who are producing the Daily Reporter are working on it without pay, according to the paper's announcement. They are "existing on their unemployment insurance plus whatever benefits their unions can give them."

THE COMMERCIAL and editorial employees of the Post-Gazette and Sun-Telegraph are represented by the American Newspaper Guild. The Pittsburgh Press was never organized.

Guild members are receiving benefits of \$10 weekly plus \$10 for the first full dependent and \$5 for each additional, to a maximum total benefit of \$50 a week. In addition members draw their state unemployment compensation. Guild members who need additional funds as hardship cases may receive loans from the union without interest charges.

An unanticipated result of the tieup is the fact that some 30 city ordinances which according to law have to be advertised twice in a "newspaper of general circulation," before they can become effective, are being held up. One of these is for the extension of rent controls for another six months.

PITTSBURGH.—The Pittsburgh Daily Reporter, newspaper being published by the newspaper unions during the tieup of the three big dailies here, reports that it has learned from "reliable sources" that the chief demands of the CIO United Steelworkers Union are a 25-cents an hour wage boost and paid vacations of one week after a year's employment, two weeks after three years, and three weeks after 15 years on the job.

The Reporter confirmed our disclosure last week of demands for time and a half for Saturday work, double time for work on Sundays, double-time and a half for holidays worked, with straight time for holidays not worked.

Additional demands now reported include strict seniority in cases of lay-offs by eliminating the company's present right to take into consideration "other factors being equal." General and grievance committee members would have "super-seniority," thus keeping union representatives on their jobs during lay-offs of workers with longer service.

Other reported demands include:

• Where a company saves through installation of new machinery the workers involved shall have their rates raised accordingly. This is in line with Philip Murray's

often expressed opinion that the workers should "share" in profits from increased production.

• Workers, leaving a company unless quitting or being fired, should get severance pay.

• Changes asked for in grievance procedure include the bypassing of foremen, with grievances carried direct to department heads; and institution of definite time schedules for speeding settlement of complaints.

• Elimination of wage differentials, especially in southern mills and in ore-mining fields.

• Consideration of a guaranteed annual wage for hourly-paid workers.

DEEP SECRECY still prevails regarding the specific demands, of which the rank and file have not yet been informed. The Reporter points out that "Obviously, several of the requests are talking points destined to meet a quick end, once the negotiators get down to serious talks." Some, it comments, "are traditional requests ones the union has sacrificed in the past to obtain more strongly desired concessions."

The negotiations with "Big Steel", which were resumed Oct. 27 under Murray's direct leadership for the union, are expected to set the contract pattern for the entire industry.

## Copper Workers Win Increase

PITTSBURGH.—Some 600 workers in the copper mill of C. G. Hussey & Co. won a 10-cent hourly wage raise and a new insurance policy covering hospitalization for their families in a five-day strike. The workers' militancy also de-

feated the company's effort to institute a six-day work-week in place of the present five days with overtime for Saturday work. The employees are represented by the AFL Brass & Copper Workers Union, Local 2205.

## Reveal Realtors' Anti-Negro Plot Against Housing Plans

PITTSBURGH.—Plans of the Housing Authority here for large-scale low-rent housing projects in the Northside and Southside have run into a barrage of bitter opposition from the relatively few families who now occupy the selected sites. The projects would admit low-income families regardless whether Negro or white.

Back of this opposition are real estate interests and politicians who in the case of the Northside project have gone so far as to mail out circulars asking residents of that part of the city if they want "the Hill District" there.

The Hill District is the section of Pittsburgh in which the majority of people are Negro.

THE HOUSING PROJECTS are indispensable to the carrying out of an extensive plan of reconstruction by the Urban Redevelopment Authority of a 91-acre tract comprising the lower part of the Hill District. This area, largely populated by poor Negroes, Italians and Jews, is a broken-down ghetto with most of the houses built half a century ago. It is badly congested, with utterly inadequate sanitation and many fire hazards.

## Wildcat Strike In Franklin

FRANKLIN, Pa.—Hundreds of employees of the big Chicago Pneumatic Tool Co. plant here were involved in a short "wild-cat" strike which began Friday. All departments except the foundry and pattern shop were closed down.

The meeting of the local—335 of the International Association of Machinists—voted to call off the stoppage on the basis that if the company does not come across with a wage increase by Nov. 3, the regular meeting date of the local, more drastic action will be taken.

ed, with utterly inadequate sanitation and many fire hazards.

The Authority cannot start unless it first provides suitable housing for the families which would be required to move out. The housing projects will be used largely for this purpose.

THE DOG-IN-THE-MANGER attitude of the groups protesting the public housing plans is illustrated in the fact that 44 homes which now occupy the Northside area would be replaced by apartments for 1,600 families. On the Southside project there would be 852 units where 75 families now live.

The Housing Authority has in its files 40,000 applications for its 4,463 rental units. The Pittsburgh Press—no friend of public housing—admits that some 75,000 dwelling units in Pittsburgh are sub-standard by government standards.

## Phone Workers Accept Offer

The Pittsburgh Division of the Federation of Telephone Workers of Pennsylvania, independent, has accepted a wage increase offer of the Bell Telephone Co. by the close vote of 318 to 295. The vote statewide on the offer was 3400 to 950 against.

The union announced that the increase is confined to "top-rated" workers, who will receive \$3, \$4, or \$5 a week more, according to their classifications.

## Corry Strike In Third Week

CORRY, Pa.—The Ajax Iron Works has notified 250 suppliers of materials to stop all shipments as the strike of its production workers continued into the third week. Negotiations are deadlocked.





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## Win Warrants for S. Chicago Racists

CHICAGO.—Mob violence in South Chicago was delivered a stunning set-back this week in a fight to bring a group of mobsters to trial for attacking a Negro steelworker and his expectant wife.

The victims, Mr. and Mrs. McAllister Carson, ran up against the stubborn refusal of a Democratic Judge William V. Daley to open a full prosecution of the hoodlums.

However, a battle this week by the NAACP and other organizations resulted in warrants being issued for six of the mobsters on charges of assault and battery and assault with deadly weapons.

**TRIAL WAS SET** for Friday, Nov. 10 in the South Chicago police court at 8855 S. Exchange Ave.

The Carsons were brutally attacked by at least a dozen hoodlums as they were eating in a White Castle hamburger stand at 93rd and Commercial in South Chicago, a few blocks from their home at 9029 S. MacKinaw. Four days later, Mrs. Carson lost her unborn son as a result of her injuries.

In spite of the complaint of the couple, who identified their assailants, the white hoodlums were

booked for disorderly conduct and faced a maximum penalty of a small fine.

**THE NAACP** declared that Judge Daley treated the Carsons "as though they were convicted defendants and not the victims."

Said Lester P. Bailey, NAACP representative who attended the first hearing, "I wondered if I was in South Chicago or South Carolina."

However, this week, popular pressure forced Judge Daley to issue more warrants containing more serious charges. The Carsons will be represented by NAACP attorney Clinton O. Sims. Carson works at the Carnegie-Illinois South Works and is a member of the United Steelworkers of America.

Meanwhile, Nelson Willis, president of the Chicago branch of the NAACP, this week issued a broad appeal to fair-minded citizens to be present in the South Chicago courtroom on Nov. 10.

# NON-CITIZENS JAILED UNDER MCCARRAN ACT Plan Big Repeal Rally In Chicago Nov. 2

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CHICAGO.—The McCarran Law club was wielded ruthlessly by the Truman Administration this week in the sudden imprisonment of foreign born, several of whom are Chicagoans. The national roundup of non-citizens who have been previously harassed by deportation proceedings was the first sample of the police-state law in action.

It aroused thousands of Chicagoans, many of whom had been lulled into believing that there were no immediate dangers in the new law.

**THE ARRESTS** emphasized the repeal of the McCarran Law as a vital and urgent objective. In the many-sided activities that developed here against this bold attack on civil rights, a new importance was stressed for the mass rally on Thursday evening, Nov. 2, where the main speaker will be Howard Fast, the noted author who was recently released from prison for

opposing the Un-American Committee.

The Civil Rights Congress committee sponsoring the meeting issued a plea to make this "a giant demonstration in defense of the first victims of the McCarran Law!" The meeting will be held at the People's Auditorium, 2457 W. Chicago Ave.

**MEANWHILE**, the Midwest Committee for the Protection of the Foreign Born this week took the following steps:

1—It called for protest wires, letters, resolutions to be sent immediately to President Truman and Attorney General McGrath.

2—It made plans for an emergency conference here to discuss the heightening of the campaign for the freeing of the McCarran Law victims.

3—It took steps toward securing the freedom of the imprisoned men through a writ of habeas corpus.

**THE THREE** who were arrested early last Sunday morning are:

Vincent Andrusis, 60, editor of the Lithuanian Daily Vilnis; Moses Resnikoff, 64, Chicago manager for the Jewish Morning Freiheit; James Keller, 49, a machinist.

On Tuesday, federal authorities arrested James E. MacKay, a Gary worker and former leader in the Rubber Workers Union.

**THE ARRESTS** blasted all illusions that the Truman Administration is really concerned about civil liberties and opposed to police-state measures.

It was believed that federal authorities acted on the basis of an order by Attorney General Howard McGrath under a section of the McCarran Law which allows him discretion in the detaining of foreign born.

The law declares: "Pending the final determination of the deportability of any alien taken into custody under warrant of the Attorney General, such alien may, in the discretion of the Attorney General (1) be continued in custody; or (2) be released under bond in the amount of not less than \$500 . . . or (3) be released on conditional parole."

**IT WAS** pointed out, however, that McGrath not only took full advantage of these discretionary powers but actually made the arrests illegally. The law nowhere provides for the re-arresting of foreign born in cases where they are already out on bail.

All three of the Chicago defendants were on bail, ranging up to \$5,000, pending final outcome of their hearings and appeals on deportation charges.

There has never been any trial or hearing in the case of Resnikoff (who was first arrested last July 10). The case of Andrusis is still being heard by immigration authorities, with the hearing temporarily recessed and slated to be resumed next Tuesday, Oct. 31.

**THE THREE** victims of the McCarran Law were being held in the County Jail. It was reported that they are to be sent to Ellis Island.

## Parks, McCord Campaigns Hit High Gear in Final Weeks

By Pat Richards

CHICAGO. — Congressional candidate Sam Parks told his South Side audiences this week: "My campaign is dedicated to an issue that must be settled before election day—that issue is the life of Lieut. Leon A. Gilbert, Jr., whom a Jimcrow army has sentenced to death in Korea."

"The fate of this Negro officer," Parks added, "is tied to the fate of American Negroes and of the colonial peoples whom U. S. armed forces are now trying to conquer."

The Progressive Party nominee urged: "Write the President. Tell him to free Gilbert, and act to free the people of Korea by letting them settle their differences peacefully, without the intervention of foreign troops."

The Sam Parks for Congress campaign was stepped up this week in a series of outdoor rallies and precinct canvassing activities organized by young people and labor in Chicago's First Congressional District.

Equipped with sound truck, speakers and songs, a cavalcade of cars sponsored by the Young Progressives of America brought the campaign on Sunday into the densely populated streets

which hold the bulk of First District voters.

On the same day, a crew of packinghouse workers, members of Sam Parks' union, Wilson Local 25, led canvassing activities in South Side precincts.

As the YPA cavalcade halted at corners along South State St., Prairie and Cottage Grove Avenues, striking up its songs for "Peace, Progress and Parks," it drew scores of South Siders who reminded to applaud the speeches that followed.

Al Janney, YPA leader from the West Side who joined Parks as speaker at the youth rallies, declared:

"Negro youth doesn't want a future in a foxhole! We want jobs producing things to help the world stay alive, not A-bombs! We want civil rights and decent homes. That's why we want Sam Parks in Congress."

By Gunnar Leander

CHICAGO. — The campaign for the election of Charles McCord was making up for lost time this week in a whirlwind windup that has aroused the Near North Side community like nothing has in recent years.

The Progressive Party candidate for State Representative of the 29th Senatorial District was filling an air-tight schedule of speaking dates, while canvassers drew a warm response for their efforts.

Many of the churches in the community have invited McCord to speak before their congregations. He will appear personally before a good portion of the district's 32,000 voters some time before the scheduled election-eve torchlight parade.

Highlights on the schedule last week were: a dinner by the Independent Citizens Committee for Charles McCord at Younkers Restaurant; a speaking engagement before the League of Women Voters; a radio broadcast sponsored by E. A. Simmons, prominent attorney in the community; a number of house gatherings and a continuous stream of street-corner meetings.

On the weekend docket were a car parade through the main streets of the district on Saturday and a youth caravan with music and entertainment on Sunday. On each Sunday, McCord was slated to speak at the churches.

Campaign Manager Robert Eiger reported that enthusiasm was running high, with many of the citizens in the community volunteering for their own election chores. "We have had a number of people offer to canvass their own buildings for McCord," he said.

Every day brings new incidents which verify the fact that the McCord campaign is hitting home. Last week, a Democratic precinct captain launched a campaign of intimidation against tenants in one building who put McCord signs on their windows, threatening to have them evicted. At the request of these tenants, McCord staged a sound-truck meeting in front of this building, arousing the entire community against the underhanded tactics of the precinct captain.

## Robeson to Aid PP Candidates

Paul Robeson, the great Negro leader, will be in Chicago for a full week Oct. 30-Nov. 5 to aid Sam Parks and Charles McCord in their campaign.

Robeson will be in the Near North Side community on Nov. 2 for a large mass rally. His schedule on the South Side includes a meeting of trade unionists for Sam Parks on Nov. 3, and various other affairs throughout the week. In addition, he will join both McCord and Parks in canvassing and open-air rallies.



# Rally Against McCarran Law To Honor Fast

CHICAGO.—Howard Fast, leading American novelist, will be welcomed by Chicagoans at a mass rally Nov. 2 to fight the McCarran law. Fast was one of the first casualties in the current war on American civil liberties. He was jailed for three months this year for refusing to turn over to congressional witch-hunters the records of the Joint Anti-Fascist Refugee Committee. This will be the first appearance of the famed anti-fascist writer since serving his sentence.

The meeting, sponsored by the Civil Rights Congress Committee to Repeal the McCarran Act, will start at 8 p.m. on Thursday, Nov. 2, at Chopin Cultural Center, 1547 N. Leavitt St.

**AUTHOR OF "Freedom Road," "Citizen Tom Paine" and "The American,"** Fast has just published a new historical novel, "The Proud and the Free," dealing with a rank and file revolt against a reactionary officer group in the Revolutionary War.

A first-hand report on the Capitol Hill battle against the McCarran Act will be given by John T. Bernard, former Congressman from the Minnesota-iron ore region. Bernard, now legislative director for United Electrical Workers in Chicago, recently returned from seven weeks in Washington where he battled the restrictive bill on the scene.

A leading attorney will analyze the contents of the law and explain how the police-state law can best be fought.

Admission is 75 cents. Tickets are available at the Civil Rights Congress office, 608 S. Dearborn, Room 546.

## FARMHANDS WIN

STOCKTON, Calif.—(FP)—A 3-week strike by tomato pickers in the San Joaquin valley fields has ended in victory for the Natl. Farm Union (AFL).

# American Jewish Congress Here Launches McCarran Repeal Fight

CHICAGO.—Full repeal of the McCarran Law was the objective set this week by the Chicago Division of the American Jewish Congress.

A convention of the local AJC organization here last weekend heard the law characterized as "ill-conceived, unenforceable and repugnant to the spirit of our Constitution."

The main speaker, who blasted the police-state law, was Dr. David W. Petegorsky, national executive secretary of the AJC.

Other resolutions passed by the convention urged an FEPC and non-discriminatory public housing for Chicago.

# Here's the Stoolpigeon's Creed

CHICAGO.—The factory stoolpigeon is the key man in a smooth civilian defense setup—take it from a man who knows.

F. Y. Martinek says so. And Martinek is chief "plant protection" man for Standard Oil of Indiana. Company agents like Martinek have not hesitated to come out into the open since the war hysteria and the mock A-bomb raids provide an atmosphere in which anything goes.

Martinek is the author of a set of commandments which he calls "The American Worker's Creed." It's been the bosses' creed for many, many years—but the current police-state drive provides the basis for giving it a new name.

Wrapped in the innocent-sounding six points of the creed is this one: "I will report any suspicious acts to my foreman, supervisor or department head."

Martinek doesn't elaborate on what "suspicious acts" are—since it's clear what a foreman would regard as suspicious. A union leaflet, let us say. Or a peace petition. Or a little lunch-hour bull session on "when do we get a wage increase."

Martinek has several special points in his creed which could cover possible strike developments in a plant. It goes like this: "This is my job. Next to my life, my family and my home, it is my

## URGENT SUPPORT FOR PARKS, McCORD

# Progressives Name List Of Preferred Candidates

CHICAGO.—The Progressive Party of Illinois this week presented its stand on candidates in the Nov. 7 election, indicating preferences for some of the nominees running on the tickets of the two major parties. However, the Progressives gave their unqualified endorsement only to the two PP candidates running in this election. They are Sam Parks, candidate for Congress in the 1st District, and Charles McCord, running for State Representative in the 29th Senatorial District.

The Progressives reiterated their position on boycotting the race between Scott W. Lucas and Everett M. Dirksen for U. S. Senator.

IN THE 1st Congressional District, it was pointed out that Barratt O'Hara has "the best record of any Illinois congressman."

He voted for outright repeal of the Taft-Hartley Act, for civil rights and made a strong fight for rent control extension. O'Hara also voted against an appropriation for the House Un-American Committee and opposed all police-state legislation.

However, the Progressives' stand on O'Hara made clear, as they did

# Clothing, Household Goods Lead New Price Advances in Chicago

CHICAGO.—Clothing and household furnishings led the upward sweep of prices in Chicago for the latest period covered in the U.S. Dept. of Labor consumers' price index for Chicago.

For the month ending in mid-September, apparel costs advanced 2.2 percent, with higher prices reported for the following: men's wool suits and leather jackets, women's coats and cotton house-dresses, boys' wool suits, slacks and shirts, and shoes for the entire family.

Household furnishings jumped 5 percent in a month. Furniture led the rise, with mattresses, blankets and curtains also higher in price.

Some food declined in price, but eggs advanced 6.9 percent, along with dairy products. Coffee went up another 1.6 percent. Canned fruits and vegetables moved up 2.4 percent.

in the case of several other Democrats, that the candidates' support of the bi-partisan foreign policy did not rate them the unqualified endorsement of the PP. It was noted that O'Hara voted against the rearmaments program.

"THE ELECTION of Richard Vail, O'Hara's GOP opponent, would be a major disaster," declared Sidney L. Ordower, Progressive Party state legislative director. "Vail made a record as a Congressman and a member of the House Un-American Committee that could hardly be worse."

A preferential stand in favor of Rep. Adolph J. Sabath (7th Dist.) was also disclosed. Sabath voted against the rearmament program and has been a staunch foe of renazification in Germany, although he does back the Administration foreign policy in the main. He has a good record on domestic issues and civil rights, it was pointed out.

"Rep. Sabath is not the same fighting progressive he was during the Roosevelt period," said Ordower, "but he is far and away better than most congressmen."

REP. SIDNEY R. YATES (9th Dist.) was praised for his vote on rent control, defeat of the McCarran Law, housing and other domestic issues. However, the Progressives condemned his record on foreign policy, declaring that "on occasion, he has gone out of his way to beat the war drums."

His opponent, Maxwell Goodwin, was denounced as a confirmed red-baiter and an advocate of the "War Now" policy, who has the support of fascist groups in

## What's On? CHICAGO

BON VOYAGE party for Dorothy Bushnell Cole on her way to Europe in the interest of peace, Sat. Oct. 28, 8 p.m. at the Zeldman home, 928 Wilcox Ave. Donation \$1. Proceeds for Peace and American-Soviet Friendship.

CURRENT EVENTS as reported in the Soviet press: Commentator: Charles Burroughs. Monday, Oct. 30, 8 p.m. at the office of the Chicago Council of American-Soviet Friendship, 68 W. Washington, Room 50.

WELCOME Howard Fast to Chicago! Giant rally to repeal the McCarran Act, Thursday, Nov. 2, 8 p.m. at Chopin Cultural Center, 1547 N. Leavitt. Admission 75c. Auspices: CRC Committee to Repeal the McCarran Act.

FORUM: Claude Lightfoot on 33 years of the Soviet Union and Gil Green on the meaning of the 1950 elections. Friday, Nov. 10, 8 p.m. at Peoples' Auditorium, 2497 W. Chicago Ave. Admission 60c. Auspices: Communist Party of Illinois.

SATURDAY NITE Candlelight Dance Meet and greet progressives, dance the orange dance, eat chili, sing to accordian playing at the Sholem Aleichem School on Saturday, Nov. 4, at 8 p.m. Admission only 25c. Sponsored by Hyde Park LYL. Money raised for convention delegates.

# Many Groups Seen Barred from Jobs

CHICAGO.—Chicago employers are already shouting "labor shortage" in their race for juicy government contracts and war profits. But they're giving the cold shoulder to employing:

- (a) Negroes.
- (b) Women.
- (c) Workers over 40.

This was flatly reported by Samuel C. Bernstein, Illinois Unemployment Compensation Commissioner, in a speech before the City Club last week.

While Bernstein lamented this hiring behavior in time of "current national emergency," his facts served proof that there's little place

in America's armament program for any worker who's not a model male Aryan.

ACCORDING to Bernstein, five Negroes apply for every two jobs open at ISES. The jobs are usually filled by white workers. Three out of five applicants for work are over 45.

Despite the availability of these workers, Bernstein cited these statistics from a recent study of job orders in Chicago:

—Half of the job orders specifying a required age barred workers over 40.

—Women were eligible for only one-third of the semi-skilled jobs open.

—More than half of all orders for workers demanded "White only."

## Peace Conference to Run New Year's Dance

CHICAGO.—Believing that the early bird gets the crowd, the Labor Peace Conference this week announced its plans for New Year's Eve.

The organization will run a gala affair at the UE Auditorium, 37 S. Ashland Ave.

It called on peace-loving and fun-loving Chicagoans to "ring the bell for peace" at the unusual and entertainment-packed celebration which will usher in the new year.

most precious possession.

"I will protect it against all dangers."

"I will observe the actions of other who may have ulterior motives to destroy it."

The company cop presented this as Standard Oil's contribution to the recent mock A-bomb raid in Chicago and the five-day "critique" which followed it.

It wasn't enough, he indicated, to get yourself a bucket of sand and a tin helmet and wait for the sirens to begin screaming.

"Employees," he urged, "should report to their immediate superior any person whose action appears to be subversive."

the city. The Progressives stated that they wanted to give further examination to the records of the following candidates before taking any stand: Charles J. Komaiko (12th); Melvin Price (25th); Kent Keller (26th).

IN ADDITION to McCord, the only candidate for the Legislature who has the support of the PP is Edward P. Saltiel, running for State Senator in the 31st Senatorial District on the Republican ticket. It was recorded that Saltiel opposed the Broyles Bills, voted for the FEPC and the nur-

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# Harlem Unionists Map Drive for Jobs

By John Hudson Jones

Floor discussion and reports at the recent Harlem Trade Union Council conference illustrated the need and determination of the Council to spur job apprenticeship training among Negroes. Announcing a fight to put Negroes into the aircraft industry, council secretary Ferdinand C. Smith mentioned the recent newspaper hullabaloo about a Negro jet plane pilot in Korea.

"But that same Negro couldn't help build the plane back home and earn money to feed his children," Smith charged.

The Harlem meeting was called to carry out the program adopted at the historic Chicago Trade Union Conference for Negro Rights last June. The major decision there called for "a nationwide, plant by plant, union by union" campaign for a "model FEPC clause" in all union contracts.

Floor discussion from the delegates of 16 unions and community groups revealed increasing attacks on the few job opportunities Negroes do have today. And this despite the "democracy" promises being thrown around by the Truman Administration since the outbreak of the Korean war.

A RANK AND FILE SEAMAN charged that 75 percent of all the victims of Coast Guard screening have been Negroes and Puerto Ricans. This attack on seamen was decreed by President Truman and joyfully accepted by Joseph Curran, president of the National Maritime Union.

"This anti-Negro screening is going to spread to other industries unless the war danger is beat down," the seaman warned the conference.

Proof of the basically anti-Negro, anti-union nature of the federal government's labor policies was provided by a Veterans Administration worker who told of new regulations prohibiting workers from taking outside jobs, outside activities, and using information gathered on the job. These rules hit mainly low-paid Negro workers who need outside work and union action against bias. Hospital workers told how militant action by the United Public Workers at the Bronx Veterans Hospital has won better conditions for Negro dietary workers, despite firings and threats.

AS IN CHICAGO, the Harlem conference's action was designed to unite the civil and jobs rights struggle. It called on the Chicago conference continuations committee to begin planning the proposed civil rights march on Washington in January. It provided for an immediate job apprenticeship program among Negroes. It mapped action supporting the Domestic Workers Union demands for social security benefits.

"We're organizing to get the people of the community to join with organized labor on a program for Negro rights," declared Smith. "We don't want anymore token jobs in any industry. We want full integration on all job levels and we'll fight until we win it."

Visiting the conference "just to listen and exchange ideas with you" was Paul Robeson, who spoke briefly. The great Negro peace fighter, artist, and leader, hailed the HTUC program. "We Negroes have great power today. If

only we'll learn how to use it," Robeson said.

Andronicus Jacobs, co-chairman



Dr. William E. DuBois, American Labor Party candidate for U. S. Senate, arm-in-arm with two ALP candidates at a meeting in Buffalo, N. Y. (L. to r.) Miss Mary Williams, ALP candidate for State Assembly from Buffalo; Dr. DuBois and Mrs. Margaret Annacone, ALP candidate for State Assembly from Buffalo.

## Peace Fight to Keynote CP National Convention

The 15th national convention of the Communist Party will convene in New York City on Dec. 15-16-17, William Z. Foster, national chairman, and Gus Hall, national secretary, announced this week.

Plans for the convention were made at the party's Sept. 28 national committee meeting and will be carried out in line with the party's constitution, which provides national conventions, shall be held every two years.

"Pre-convention discussion is hereby opened," declared the convention call. "The pre-convention shall be based on the draft resolution presented by the national committee. This basic document shall be published shortly in the first issue of the pre-convention discussion bulletin."

"The central, all-decisive task in the proceedings of the convention will be the fight for peace," Foster and Hall declared. "Rejecting the Wall Street-inspired thesis that world war is inevitable, the convention will resolutely face the task of mobilizing the widest possible unity of all people of good will to save the peace, to defeat Wall Street's imperialist drive to enslave the world, to halt the war in Korea, to prevent its spread to China and other parts of the Far East."

High on the list of problems to be dealt with, said the convention call, is the "alarming growth of violence and police-state repression symbolized by the enactment of the fascist McCarran Law." The convention, the call continued, will take steps to:

- Rally the people to bar the further advance of fascism.
- Save the Bill of Rights and

### END 4-YEAR PICKETING

HOLLYWOOD — (FP) — Pickets of Local 946, Studio Carpenters Union (AFL) have been withdrawn from the gates of the movie-making factories—four years and six days after they first hit the bricks in the lockout of 1946.

of the meeting and a rank and file longshoremen's leader summed up the meeting and Robeson's participation.

"It is important," Jacobs said, "that the most important Negro of our times is on the side of his people and the working class."

## on the scoreboard

by lester rodney

RAY ROBINSON, who knows the score from way back, is plenty cynical about that supposed middleweight title fight with Jake LaMotta, scheduled for Chicago in February. He's afraid of a runout by the guy he whipped four out of five times already. And you can't blame him after the runarounds he's had—mostly by the New York State Boxing Commission, which is Governor Dewey's property.

BERNIE BIERMAN is probably through after two decades as Minnesota head coach. The 48-0 shellacking by Ohio State was the last straw convincing even the twin city sportwriters who had previously tended to defend him. Truth is the parade has passed old Bernie by. Minnesota material is not nearly that bad. Those who blamed it all on the fact that he used the single wing instead of the newer T were shocked to see Ohio State's speed, power, and multiple ball handling deception wrapped up in an imaginative single wing. The contrast to the Bierman straight slogging was sharp. Another point against Bierman brought out is his constant emphasis that the team hasn't got it. "If the current Gophers are to believe the evaluation of their coaches that they just don't have it," wrote one scribe, "they could hardly be blamed if they gave up now and put all the rest of their games in the defeat column."

POLL OF sports writers named Casey Stengel and Eddie Sawyer as Managers of the Year. We'll go along with Sawyer, but would name Red Rolfe in the American. Not to take anything away from Stengel, but the Yanks were really much more solid than all the pre-season weeping indicated, and Rolfe went further with the material he had at Detroit. Bucky Harris rates a rattling hand for finishing fifth with last year's cellar team, too. Manager of the Year in reverse? That man in Brooklyn who acts like a public school teacher on the bench, and puts mature men in a doghouse.

BOBBY RIGGS finding it hard to rouse any real interest in this year's tennis tour. The selection of Gussie Moran was a shameless bit of trading on supposed glamor, having nothing in common with the presentation of really fine tennis by women. The fans are not going for it in a big way... not at those prices. For cheesecake they can always take in a movie cheaper.

THE CHICAGO BEARS and New York Yanks clash twice in the next three weeks, and that may tell the story in their division, although no one is yet counting out the high scoring L. A. Rams. Lots of angles in the Bear-Yank games. The respective quarterbacks Johnny Lujack and George Ratterman, were teammates at Notre Dame, and many insist that Ratterman is the superior ball manipulator and passer and should have been the Irish quarterback, with Lujack's great running talents used at halfback. Ratterman himself strongly thinks so and may be out to prove a point.

Each team has one tremendous fullback rookie—Morrison of Ohio State for the Bears, Toth of LSU for the Yanks. All three of the Yanks great Negro stars, Sherman Howard, Buddy Young and George Talieferro, will have relatives in the stands during the Chicago game. Howard and Young live in Chicago and Talieferro hails from Gary, Indiana, just thirty miles away.

ARMY COACH BLAIK'S blast at the pro game in Colliers is a phony from start to finish. He says the pros don't play for real football, just put on a show for dough. Of course the pros play for dough. The difference is they do it without the hypocrisy of the "amateurs" like West Point. What do Blaik and the other Army Colonels bring their team to the Yankee Stadium for every year—to build character?

## Report Steel Union Leaders Ask 25 Cents Hourly Raise

PITTSBURGH. — The Pittsburgh Daily Reporter, newspaper being published by the newspaper unions during the tieup of the three big dailies here, reports that it has learned from "reliable sources" that the chief demands of the CIO United Steelworkers Union are a 25-cents an hour wage boost and paid vacations of one week after a year's employment, two weeks after three years, and three weeks after 15 years on the job.

The Reporter confirmed our disclosure last week of demands for time and a half for Saturday work, double time for work on Sundays, double time and a half for holidays worked, with straight time for holidays not worked.

Additional demands now reported include strict seniority in cases of lay-offs by eliminating the company's present right to take into consideration "other factors being equal." General and grievance committee members would have "super-seniority," thus keeping union representatives on their jobs during lay-offs of workers with longer service.

Other reported demands include:

- Where a company saves through installation of new machinery the workers involved shall have their rates raised accordingly. This is in line with Philip Murray's often expressed opinion that the workers should "share" in profits from increased production.

- Workers, leaving a company unless quitting or being fired, should get severance pay.

- Changes asked for in grievance procedure include the bypassing of foremen, with grievances carried direct to department heads; and institution of definite time schedules for speeding settlement of complaints.

- Elimination of wage differentials, especially in southern mills and in ore-mining fields.

- Consideration of a guaranteed annual wage for hourly-paid workers.

DEEP SECRECY still prevails regarding the specific demands, of which the rank and file have not yet been informed. The Reporter points out that "Obviously, several of the requests are talking points destined to meet a quick end, once the negotiators get down to serious talks." Some, it comments, "are traditional requests ones the union has sacrificed in the past to obtain more strongly desired concessions."

The negotiations with "Big Steel," which were resumed Oct. 27 under Murray's direct leadership for the union, are expected to set the contract pattern for the entire industry.





# Communists Back 25-Cent Pay Boost Demand in Steel

SO. CHICAGO.—Steelworkers here this week had a warm welcome for a Communist Party leaflet backing up their demand for a 25-cent-an-hour wage increase. Issued by Communists in the mills here, the leaflet urged that "we keep our eye on the ball—the 25-cent demand—and allow nothing to sidetrack us."

The leaflet recalled last year when the many steel locals came out for a 30-cent boost and union leaders took up this demand. However, it was pointed out that "many workers then relaxed, figuring the leaders would carry the fight forward—but the 30-cent demand was lost in the pension-welfare battle."

"THAT'S the big lesson to be learned," the Communists declared, "reliance on our own strength, on the unity and fighting spirit of the rank-and-file."

The leaflet called for: • Getting every local and department to come out for a 25-cent raise immediately; mass petitions signed by all workers demanding the union leaders stick by the 25-cent demand until it is won.

• Using every opportunity, including special membership, public and plant - gate meetings to demonstrate the unity, strength and determination of the rank-and-file behind the 25-cent demand; to win the support of all labor and the public.

• A continued struggle on the job against speedup and rate-cutting which gives steam to the wage-hike fight.

• An alert, active membership which winds up the union - shop drive in the shortest possible time, to clear the decks for the wage fight.

WORKERS in the South Chicago and Calumet area mills were preparing this week for a vote on the union shop. A majority vote in the NLRB-conducted poll is necessary before the union can negotiate a union shop. It is considered that an overwhelming vote for the union shop will strengthen the union's hand in the wage negotiations.

In the Communist Party's leaflet distributed at the mill gates this week, it was pointed out:

"Only the 25-cent wage increase can meet the present needs of ALL the workers in steel. The fight for needed fringe demands should not be at the expense of the two-bit raise."

IT WAS also recorded that the living standards of the steelworkers have dropped sharply in the two years since there was a wage boost in the mills.

"In fact," declared the Communists, "25 cents an hour is just about the barest minimum needed just to help steelworkers catch up with what has been lost in purchasing power."

"It won't even begin to make up for the austerity ('tighten-your-belt') program Truman has promised if they put over a wage-freeze, and new, higher taxes to boot."

URGENT SUPPORT FOR PARKS, McCORD

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## Progressives Name List Of Preferred Candidates

(Continued from Page 2)

sery school bills and had "the best record in Springfield."

There were no PP endorsements in the county races. The Progressives made it clear that they see no difference between Daniel Gilbert and John E. Babb in the contest for sheriff.

"GILBERT IS THE product of a corrupt machine and there is no indication that Babb would be any better," said Ordower.

"The only way to clean up Chicago is through a people's political force, independent of the two old parties and their machines."

HE SAID that in the main the Democratic and Republican candidates "reflect the corrupt machines that nominated them." He pointed out, however, that there are a few other candidates who deserve consideration such as: William Waugh, GOP candidate for Probate Judge; George D. Kells, Democratic candidate for County Treasurer; William Erickson, GOP candidate for President of the County Board. He also put in this category the two opposing candidates for County Clerk—Nicolas Bohling and Richard Daley.

ing pot' in our country with the building of the multi-national Soviet state where many peoples live in harmony and unity without sacrificing their freedom, their national heritage, language and culture."

HE POINTED out that "in a period when the Soviet Union and socialism are in every headline and on every lip, there is a craving among the people to get the real story of the USSR and its meaning in the modern world."

The forum on Nov. 10 is timed with the anniversary of the Russian Revolution of 1917, a date marked by millions of people throughout the world.

NO WAGE FREEZE!  
ROLL BACK PRICES!  
STOP WAR PROFITEERING!

President Harry S. Truman,  
White House, Washington, D.C.

While corporations are getting richer from war profits, working people are finding it increasingly hard to make ends meet. Prices, rents and taxes are soaring for working people while wages lag and a wage freeze is threatened. We the undersigned therefore urge you to:

- 1—Prevent a wage freeze. We need a substantial wage increase.
- 2—Roll back prices.
- 3—Reinstate effective Federal rent control.
- 4—Call a special session of Congress to stop war profiteering and pass a tax bill fair to workers.

NAME \_\_\_\_\_ CITY \_\_\_\_\_

UNITED ELECTRICAL, RADIO AND MACHINE WORKERS OF AMERICA (UO)

UNION PETITION of the United Electrical, Radio and Machine Workers asks wage increases, price rollback, rent control and curbs on profits.

# Gil Green to Speak Nov. 10 On Elections

CHICAGO.—The 1950 elections will be analyzed by Gil Green, Illinois State Chairman of the Communist Party, at a forum on Friday, Nov. 10, 8:00 p.m. at the People's Auditorium, 2457 W. Chicago Ave.

This will be one of the features of the new forum series in which the Communist Party is inviting all Chicagoans to get the party's viewpoint first-hand.

Green will deal with the outcome of one of the most crucial elections ever held in America—and particularly with its meaning for those who are concerned about the danger of war and the destruction of civil liberties in America.

"THE BIG PROBLEM facing the people in this election is how to express themselves for peace," he declared, "in a situation in which there has been an attempt by both of the major parties to bury the peace issue and disfranchise the progressive voters."

He pointed out that the situation in Illinois, where the major candidates are equally advocates of the war program and differ only in tactics and timing, is repeated in many states throughout the country.

"However, the resourcefulness of the American people is such that they have always found means for expressing themselves, no matter how difficult the circumstances," said Green.

THE FORUM will take place three days after the elections, presenting a timely analysis of what occurred at the polls and how this will affect American policy.

In announcing the forum, the Communist Party stated: "Whatever the outcome of the elections, one thing is certain. The newspapers will interpret the results through their own distorted and

pro-war viewpoint. That's why this forum was planned in order to provide the people with a clear and valuable picture of what actually happens."

Sharing the platform with Green will be Claude Lightfoot, State Secretary of the Communist Party, who will deal with an American approach to 33 years of the Soviet Union.

LIGHTFOOT, who has been in the Soviet Union, will trace the building of socialism through a third of a century, dealing with the struggles of the people of the USSR against imperialist intervention, poverty, ignorance and chauvinism.

"I want to deal with the seven great achievements of the Soviet Union as the seven great wonders of the modern world," he said.

"I plan to compare what is commonly referred to as the 'melt-

"None of these men agree with mobsters", Ordower declared.

THE PROGRESSIVES indicated strong approval only for Samuel Heller in the contest which will elect 12 Municipal Judges. Heller, now running on the GOP ticket, was the Progressive candidate for state's attorney in 1948.

"In his 18 years on the bench, Heller has given outstanding service to the common people", said Ordower, indicating the judge's record on rent control, evictions, licensing and persecution of minority groups.

"Voting for Heller only is also an effective way of opposing Judge Joseph H. McGarry, the man who freed the Peoria Street

mobsters", Ordower declared.

THE PROGRESSIVES urged citizens to vote "Yes" for the Gateway Amendment on the blue ballot, pointing out that this still provides only "a very weak and limited method of changing the Illinois Constitution."

"Only a drastic change in our archaic Constitution will allow for modern, efficient and democratic government in Illinois", said Ordower, "but we wish to join with others in at least opening the door to some changes."

He declared that the Progressives are especially concerned about revising the Illinois election code in order to permit minority groups greater access to the ballot. It was Illinois' stringent election laws which gave the old party politicians the basis for banning the Progressives' state ticket in the elections in 1950 and in 1948.

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## **Exclusive:**

# DETROIT BIG BIZ PLOTS WAR IN SECRET MEETINGS HERE

DETROIT.—What does the H. M. Robbins Export Co. at 120 Madison Ave., room 509, Detroit, export?

Are its offices the center for secret meetings of a top council of industrialists and phony, pro-war "liberals" to plan war and death policies?

The Detroit Free Press reported recently a speech of Gen. Omar Bradley in Washington who said that he had talked to Detroit industrialists on a recent visit here and they told him they were willing to contribute 30 to 40 billion dollars to "save their skins."

We found that there exists a "Detroit Council on Foreign Relations" which to certain people says its offices are at 120 Madison Ave.

The outfit is not listed on the building directory. So, you go up to the fifth floor, come to Room 509, but the name on the frost glass is not "Detroit Council on Foreign Relations."

It says, "H. M. Robbins Co., Exports."

You walk in. A receptionist sits at the desk and you ask: "Is this the Detroit Council of Foreign

Relations?"

The receptionist replies: "Yes, what can I do for you?"

You tell her that you are seeking reliable information on foreign relations. Can this office furnish it?

She becomes tongue-tied, flustered. Finally she says:

"You see this is a closed organization, mostly for the big corporation executives."

"What corporations?"

"Oh, all of them in town," is the reply.

"Do they have publications of what they stand for in the matter of foreign affairs?" you ask. "I'd like to see them."

"No," she says, "it's all strictly off the record. They publish nothing. The meetings are closed. You see it's for the big corporation executives, to help them steer the thinking of their people."

You mention Wayne University, where 20,000 students go each day. She says:

"Oh yes, President Henry and Dr. Miller are

members."

You ask her if ex-Gov. Wilbur Brucker, president Henry Fink of Great Lakes Steel Corp. and certain well-known members of Americans for Democratic Action are members?

She says: "Yes they are."

As you leave this quiet office where the executives of the big corporations meet to discuss "foreign policy" you have some disturbing thoughts.

You wonder what some close cohorts of Gov. Williams, who recently pushed through four police state bills in the Legislature are doing in an outfit that has Wilbur Brucker in it.

Brucker was the attorney for the Garage Owners who smashed a strike of garage workers with the help of the Detroit police. Brucker ran for U.S. Senator on the Republican ticket in 1936 and some of his petitions were circulated by the Wolverine Republican Club which was later named by a grand jury as a Black Legion controlled outfit.

## Citizen League Urges Defeat Of Proposal No. 3

DETROIT.—The conservative Detroit Citizens' League, generally regarded as the spokesman for the Board of Commerce, this week urged a "No" vote on proposal 3 on the state ballot Nov. 7.

This amendment would kill free speech and free press in Michigan by wiping out the guarantees of the state Constitution.

The Citizens' League stand was revealed in its annual recommend-

ations of candidates and issues on the ballot.

The League explained its recommendation with the statement that "legislation already has met the issue without Constitutional change."

## Anti-Semitism on Rise Here

DETROIT.—Anti-Semitism is increasing dangerously in the Detroit area.

Boris Joffe, executive director of the Jewish Community Council told the Council that for the first time in three years the windows of a synagogue were broken recently and eggs thrown at the worshippers inside.

He said the incident took place

during the Jewish high holidays, but did not say which synagogue was involved.

Joffe also reported that there was an increase in discrimination against Jewish men and women in employment, and that Jewish citizens had been called on the phone in the middle of the night and told they were on "Nazi extermination lists and did not have long to live."

## Plymouth 51 Stewards Back Miss Dorothy Knight

DETROIT.—The powerful Plymouth Local 3 UAW-CIO stewards' council, speaking for 12,000 workers, has called on the executive board to endorse Miss Dorothy Knight for Congress in the First District on the Progressive Party ticket.

Miss Knight, a member of Local 51, is an outstanding Negro woman unionist and community leader.

An All-Nations conference to support Miss Knight's candidacy will be held at the Metropolitan Church, 1349 E. Ferry at Russell at 2 p.m., Sunday, Oct. 29.

Community groups, unions and nationality groups have been invited to send representatives.

Miss Knight's candidacy last week gained important impetus when she was backed by Dr. Ossian Sweet, who had polled nearly 6,000 votes in the Democratic Party primary.

## Chrysler Local 7 Demands FEPC Law for Detroit

DETROIT.—Chrysler Local 7, UAW-CIO has called upon the union's international officers and regional directors here to start a campaign for passage of a Fair Employment Practices law by the Detroit City Council.

Chrysler unionists said it was needed because many plants are discriminating against Negro workers at the employment gates. It's a well known fact that the

Chrysler Corp. ratio of hiring is one or two Negro workers to one or two hundred whites.

The National Association for the Advancement of Colored People asked this week for reports from workers discriminated against or who can provide cases of discrimination being practiced in hiring.

Meanwhile Chrysler Local 7, FEPC committee also announced

that the Committee had cracked four restaurants near the Jefferson-Kercheval plants that formerly had refused to serve Negro workers.

This example follows that of Cadillac Local 22, UAW, which some weeks ago visited some 30 restaurants around the plant and got agreement that no discrimination would be practiced against Negro patrons.

## **Defend Michigan Bill of Rights:**

**Attend MUSIC HALL RALLY, November 5, 2:30 P. M.**  
**Hear: HOWARD FAST -- MAURICE SUGAR**



## Reuther Admits

# Main War Costs Placed on Workers

By George Morris

Walter Reuther, in a letter to War Mobilization Chief W. Stuart Symington, charged that labor leaders were completely ignored when plans were drawn for the new consumer credit regulations that are shutting the small-income people out of the market for homes, cars and other goods.

"Not one in government took the trouble to so much as inform our union, for example, that measures were under consideration that might well deprive hundreds of thousands of our members of their jobs and pay and shut them off from access to homes, cars and other durable goods," Reuther complained.

Ironically, Reuther was one of the committee of nine labor leaders that submitted in August a much-advertised plan to Symington on a permanent labor advisory setup in support of the war mobilization program. His long, bitterly-worded letter shattered the nonsense, claimed by labor leaders, that they are "partners" in war mobilization planning.

Reuther charges that the Federal Reserve Board, dominated by a "banking mentality," followed the line set forth by Taft in a Senate speech. Taft advised that

if a 50 percent down payment would be required on car purchases, sales would drop by 2,000,000 cars a year and 2,000,000 tons of steel would be released for armaments.

THE UAW'S HEAD also cited the results of a survey which indicated that approximately 75 to 80 percent of the small-income people would be shut off the housing market because of the requirement of a \$2,300 down payment on a \$10,000 home.

"The same workers and low-income consumers have already been selected as the artificial victims of most other defense preparations to date," Reuther admitted.

The union leader reiterates his full support of the war drive, which he now admits is bringing forth unwanted fruits. He charges only bad management of the war program and wants a labor-management conference to talk things

over. Reuther's protest received no serious attention, however, from the hard-headed corporation executives running the war drive. Meanwhile the first reports on the effect of the new credit rules showed New York department store sales slipping to only one percent above last year for the corresponding period. Sales had been running 10 or more percent above last year. Car sales are dropping heavily.

CORPORATE PROFITS for the second quarter of 1950 jumped to a new all-time record, topping the first quarter of 1950 by 25 percent, according to the Commerce Department. Profits before taxes reached the staggering figure of \$37,400,000,000 a year. The annual level after taxes is now \$22,200,000,000, also an all-time high.

The Labor Department's cost of living index hiked another half point to 173.8 for the month of September.

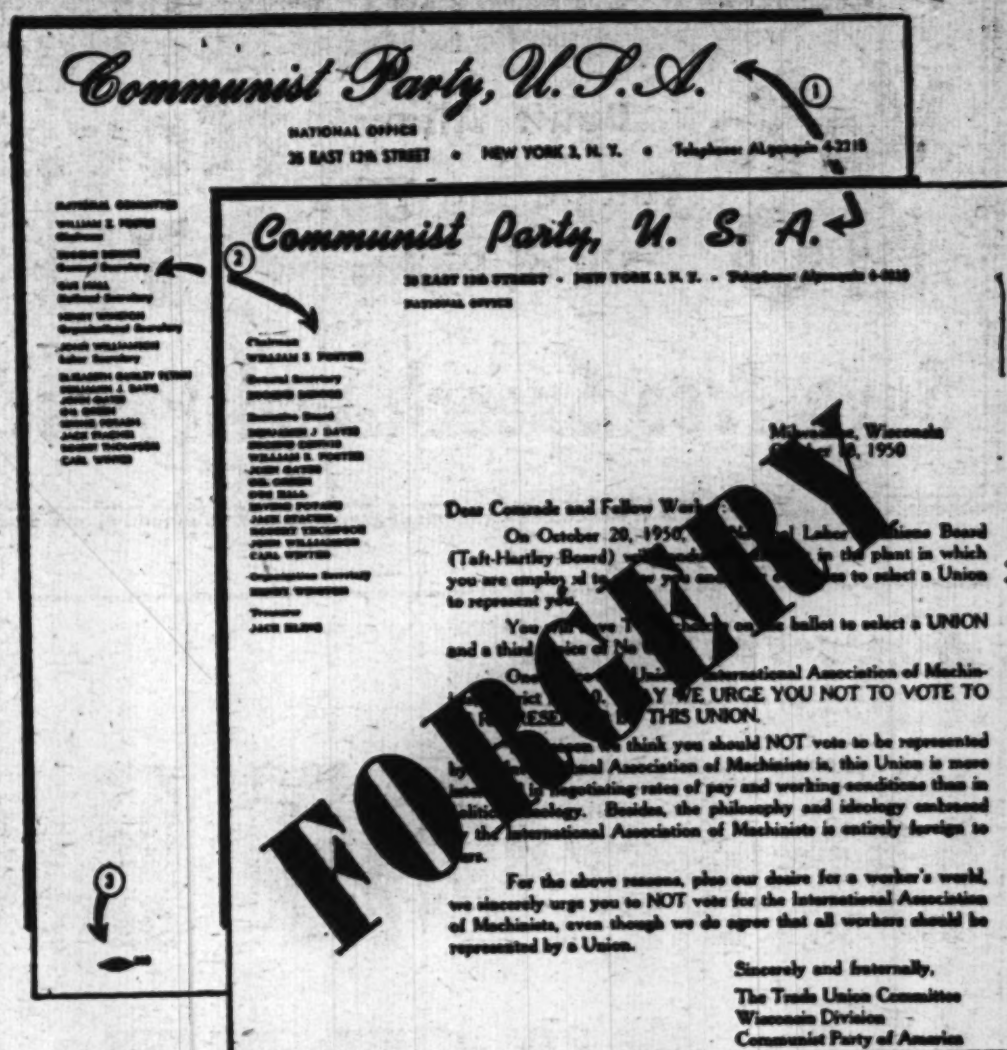
The howl raised by Reuther is undoubtedly intended more for the consumption of his million dissatisfied members than for any real practical results. Basically it is the drive towards war, which Reuther demanded for years, that produced the conditions of which he now complains.

Far from being the fruits of "mismanagement" or lack of "coordination" in the war program, as charged by Reuther in his letter, the credit restrictions are PLANNED deliberately to conform to the war drive. With the rise in the cost of living and pressure for raises, the planners want to shut off most wage earners from most durable goods so they could devote their declining purchasing power entirely to covering food, clothing, rent and mounting taxes.

This result is actually a by-product of the general policy of shifting steel and other materials for war and cutting consumer products in many fields. Thus, as Reuther admits, the goods that are available will go mainly to the "well-heeled" not handicapped by credit restrictions.



## A Big Lie That Didn't Work



MILWAUKEE.—The CIO United Steelworkers of America won bargaining rights for 425 workers at the local Continental Can plant and 325 more at the American Can Co. in a National Labor Board election, defeating the International Association of Machinists by a decisive margin.

The night before the election all workers in these plants received a forged document in the mails purporting to be from the Communist Party, and urging them to vote against the machinists union.

The Communist Party of Wisconsin denounced the letter as a crude forgery and demanded of both the state and federal district attorneys that an investigation be conducted of the letter.

The forgery is reproduced above against the background of a genuine letterhead of the Communist Party. Notice difference in types used (1) and (2), and union label (3) on the genuine letterhead.

## Calif. Progressive Race Shakes Corrupt War Parties

LOS ANGELES.—The Independent Progressive Party election campaign in California is hitting the corrupt-ridden, war-party administrations in the big cities and the vigilante, peonage-infested farm country, with smashing blows. Its three statewide candidates, George Walsh for secretary of state, Mrs. Alia Washington for state comptroller, and Reuben Borough for state treasurer, have excited the state's voting populace with their statewide tours and broadcasts.

Similarly, Charlotte Bass, publisher of the Negro weekly, the California Eagle, campaigning for the 14th Congressional District seat vacated by Helen Gahagan Douglas, is arousing wide support with her vigorous championing of peace and civil rights.

Probably the most dramatic cam-

paign is that being waged by Los Angeles mayoralty candidate Robert Kenny, who heads the recall movement against Mayor Fletcher Bowron. Making police brutality, corruption and graft, and witch-hunting hysteria the spokes of his election vehicle, Kenny is amassing a large vote, according to campaign observers in Los Angeles.

Running against four other mayoralty candidates, Kenny is considered to have a good chance of rolling up the biggest progressive vote in L. A. history. The ferocious attacks on him by Mayor Bowron reflects considerable fears among the corrupt-administration officials that the recall movement to be voted on Nov. 7 may succeed.

# Army Weighs Appeals for Doomed Negro Lieut.

The Judge Advocate General's office in Washington, D. C., this week heard two appeals for revocation of the death sentence on 30-year-old Lt. Leon Anthony Gilbert, Jr., Negro officer of York, Pa., with the 24th Infantry Regiment in Korea.

As Lt. Gilbert awaited outcome of the review of his case in an Army stockade in Japan, a delegation of 21 representatives of labor, civic and religious organizations from New York, Baltimore and Philadelphia appealed directly to Maj. Gen. E. M. Brannon, Army Judge Advocate General.

On Tuesday, the following day, Lt. Gilbert's lawyer, Judson Ruch of York, argued in behalf of the young Negro officer before the Army's Judicial Council in the Pentagon. Ruch was accompanied by Mrs. Kay Gilbert, the officer's wife, by representatives of NAACP and the Pittsburgh Courier, Negro weekly.

Following these hearings, the Judicial verdict and sentence of Sept. 6 in Haman, Korea, the case then goes to Army Secretary Frank Pace, Jr., and following his opinion, to President Truman, who has the power to throw out the verdict and sentence and to reinstate Lt. Gilbert.

BOTH GROUPS asked for reversal of the sentence. Attorney Ruch asked for reversal or reduction of sentence, but the three-city delegation, eight of whom were allowed to present their case to Maj. Gen. Brannon, urged "complete reversal" only, and coupled this plea with a request that the Judge Advocate General recommend to President Truman abolition of the segregation of Negro troops and all other forms of discrimination.

Moreover, the three-city delegation asked that after revocation of the death sentence, Lt. Gilbert should immediately be flown to his wife and children to make up as much as possible for the damage already done.

The eight spokesmen of this delegation included Russel Meek, executive secretary of the New York Civil Rights Council, and Louise Harold, administrative sec-



LIEUT. LEON GILBERT, JR.

retary of the Harlem Chapter of the New York CRC; Ferdinand C. Smith of the Harlem Trade Union Council. They asserted that the "prejudiced death sentence" against Lt. Gilbert had made his wife seriously ill and endangered the life of their unborn child.

Both the three-city delegation and Lt. Gilbert's lawyer based their appeal on these three arguments: (1) Lt. Gilbert did not re-

ceive a fair trial; (2) he was suffering from severe shock and emotional disturbance at the time of his alleged refusal to obey an order to advance in the face of enemy fire; (3) the court martial lacked jurisdiction since the "police action" in Korea was not "war," and under provisions of the Manual for Court Martial as issued by the Judge Advocate General's office, the maximum sentence for insubordination in the course of a police action is five years.

IN ADDITION to these arguments, however, the three-city delegation emphasized the jimcrow frameup character of the court martial. They cited the fact that prosecution witnesses were relieved from combat duty to testify against Lt. Gilbert, while important defense witnesses were not allowed to leave the front, even though some were only 200 yards away. They also pointed out that the court itself was jimcrowed.

of the prejudice of this trial," declared Smith, "was the statement by the commanding General of the 25th Division, Maj. Gen. William Keane, who said before the trial 'I will not rest until I get a death sentence for Gilbert.'"

Meek, underscoring the jimcrow conditions surrounding the court martial, expressed the opinion that jimcrow U. S. army itself is a violation of the United Nations Charter, and that the UN has responsibility for discipline of troops under its command.

Maj. Gen. Brannon and his aides listened attentively to the arguments, but reserved comment. The 13 members excluded from the hearing "for lack of space" included Morris Greenbaum, CRC lawyer; Dr. Clementina Paselone, New York physician and American Labor Party candidate for Lieut. Governor; the Rev. Dr. Spencer Kennard of the American Baptist Foreign Mission Society; and Mrs. Grace B. Dilworth of Baltimore's Christ Methodist Church.



# Harlem Unionists Map Drive for Jobs

By John Hudson Jones

Floor discussion and reports at the recent Harlem Trade Union Council conference illustrated the need and determination of the Council to spur job apprenticeship training among Negroes. Announcing a fight to put Negroes into the aircraft industry, council secretary Ferdinand C. Smith mentioned the recent newspaper hullabaloo about a Negro jet plane pilot in Korea.

"But that same Negro couldn't help build the plane back home and earn money to feed his children," Smith charged.

The Harlem meeting was called to carry out the program adopted at the historic Chicago Trade Union Conference for Negro Rights last June. The major decision there called for "a nationwide, plant by plant, union by union" campaign for a "model FEPC clause" in all union contracts.

Floor discussion from the delegates of 16 unions and community groups revealed increasing attacks on the few job opportunities Negroes do have today. And this despite the "democracy" promises being thrown around by the Truman Administration since the outbreak of the Korean war.

A RANK AND FILE SEAMAN charged that 75 percent of all the victims of Coast Guard screening have been Negroes and Puerto Ricans. This attack on seamen was decreed by President Truman and joyfully accepted by Joseph Curran, president of the National Maritime Union.

"This anti-Negro screening is going to spread to other industries unless the war danger is beat down," the seaman warned the conference.

Proof of the basically anti-Negro, anti-union nature of the federal government's labor policies was provided by a Veterans Administration worker who told of new regulations prohibiting workers from taking outside jobs, outside activities, and using information gathered on the job. These rules hit mainly low-paid Negro workers who need outside work and union action against bias. Hospital workers told how militant action by the United Public Workers at the Bronx Veterans Hospital has won better conditions for Negro dietary workers, despite firings and threats.

AS IN CHICAGO, the Harlem conference's action was designed to unite the civil and jobs rights struggle. It called on the Chicago conference continuations committee to begin planning the proposed civil rights march on Washington in January. It provided for an immediate job apprenticeship program among Negroes. It mapped action supporting the Domestic Workers Union demands for social security benefits.

"We're organizing to get the people of the community to join with organized labor on a program for Negro rights," declared Smith. "We don't want anymore token jobs in any industry. We want full integration on all job levels and we'll fight until we win it."

Visiting the conference "just to listen and exchange ideas with you" was Paul Robeson, who spoke briefly. The great Negro peace fighter, artist, and leader, hailed the HTUC program. "We Negroes have great power today if

of the meeting and a rank and file longshoremen's leader summed up the meeting and Robeson's participation.

"It is important," Jacobs said, "that the most important Negro of our times is on the side of his people and the working class."

only we'll learn how to use it," Robeson said.

Andronicus Jacobs, co-chairman



Dr. William E. DuBois, American Labor Party candidate for U. S. Senate, arm-in-arm with two ALP candidates at a meeting in Buffalo, N. Y. (L. to r.) Miss Mary Williams, ALP candidate for State Assembly from Buffalo; Dr. DuBois and Mrs. Margaret Annacone, ALP candidate for State Assembly from Buffalo.

## Peace Fight to Keynote CP National Convention

The 15th national convention of the Communist Party will convene in New York City on Dec. 15-16-17, William Z. Foster, national chairman, and Gus Hall, national secretary, announced this week.

Plans for the convention were made at the party's Sept. 28 national committee meeting and will be carried out in line with the party's constitution, which provides national conventions, shall be held every two years.

"Pre-convention discussion is hereby opened," declared the convention call. "The pre-convention shall be based on the draft resolution presented by the national committee. This basic document shall be published shortly in the first issue of the pre-convention discussion bulletin."

"The central, all-decisive task in the proceedings of the convention will be the fight for peace," Foster and Hall declared. "Rejecting the Wall Street-inspired thesis that world war is inevitable, the convention will resolutely face the task of mobilizing the widest possible unity of all people of good will to save the peace, to defeat Wall Street's imperialist drive to enslave the world, to halt the war in Korea, to prevent its spread to China and other parts of the Far East."

High on the list of problems to be dealt with, said the convention call, is the "alarming growth of violence and police-state repression symbolized by the enactment of the fascist McCarran Law." The convention, the call continued, will take steps to:

- Rally the people to bar the further advance of fascism.
- Save the Bill of Rights and

### END 4-YEAR PICKETING

HOLLYWOOD — (FF) — Pickets of Local 946, Studio Carpenters Union (AFL) have been withdrawn from the gates of the movie-making factories—four years and six days after they first hit the bricks in the lockout of 1946.

restore constitutional liberties.

- Nullify and repeal the McCarran Act, the Smith Act, the Taft-Hartley Law.
- Stop the savage attacks on the Negro people and the nation itself.

"The Communist Party has already demonstrated that it will fight courageously for its rights and those of the people, despite all intimidation and repression," said the convention call.

"While safeguarding the unity of the party," the call added, "and bearing in mind the conditions under which we work, the discussion must, through the vigorous application of the principles of criticism and self-criticism, uncover shortcomings, weaknesses and mistakes in party work. Only in this way can it help equip the party to make its full contribution to the struggle for peace, democracy and socialism."

Delegates to the national convention will be elected at state convention. To qualify for election, a delegate must be a good-standing member of the party for at least two years. Each state or district organization, according to the plan, shall elect one delegate for every 200 good-standing members or fraction thereof. Good-standing membership will be based on an average dues payment of the districts for the first 11 months of 1950.

All amendments to the draft political resolution and Party Constitution, as well as presentation of other resolutions or motions, the convention call stated, shall be submitted to the national convention by state conventions and delegates.

## on the scoreboard

by lester rodney

RAY ROBINSON, who knows the score from way back, is plenty cynical about that supposed middleweight title fight with Jake LaMotta, scheduled for Chicago in February. He's afraid of a runout by the guy he whipped four out of five times already. And you can't blame him after the runarounds he's had—mostly by the New York State Boxing Commission, which is Governor Dewey's property.

BERNIE BIERMAN is probably through after two decades as Minnesota head coach. The 48-0 shellacking by Ohio State was the last straw convincing even the twin city sportwriters who had previously tended to defend him. Truth is the parade has passed old Bernie by. Minnesota material is not nearly that bad. Those who blamed it all on the fact that he used the single wing instead of the newer T were shocked to see Ohio State's speed, power, and multiple ball handling deception wrapped up in an imaginative single wing. The contrast to the Bierman straight slogging was sharp. Another point against Bierman brought out is his constant emphasis that the team hasn't got it. "If the current Cophers are to believe the evaluation of their coaches that they just don't have it," wrote one scribe, "they could hardly be blamed if they gave up now and put all the rest of their games in the defeat column."

POLL OF sports writers named Casey Stengel and Eddie Sawyer as Managers of the Year. We'll go along with Sawyer, but would name Red Rolfe in the American. Not to take anything away from Stengel, but the Yanks were really much more solid than all the pre-season weeping indicated, and Rolfe went further with the material he had at Detroit. Bucky Harris rates a rattling hand for finishing fifth with last year's cellar team, too. Manager of the Year in reverse? That man in Brooklyn who acts like a public school teacher on the bench, and puts mature men in a doghouse.

BOBBY RIGGS finding it hard to rouse any real interest in this year's tennis tour. The selection of Gussie Moran was a shameless bit of trading on supposed glamor, having nothing in common with the presentation of really fine tennis by women. The fans are not going for it in a big way... not at those prices. For cheesecake they can always take in a movie cheaper.

THE CHICAGO BEARS and New York Yanks clash twice in the next three weeks, and that may tell the story in their division, although no one is yet counting out the high scoring L. A. Rams. Lots of angles in the Bear-Yank games. The respective quarterbacks Johnny Lujack and George Ratterman, were teammates at Notre Dame, and many insist that Ratterman is the superior ball manipulator and passer and should have been the Irish quarterback, with Lujack's great running talents used at halfback. Ratterman himself strongly thinks so and may be out to prove a point.

Each team has one tremendous fullback rookie—Morrison of Ohio State for the Bears, Toth of LSU for the Yanks. All three of the Yanks great Negro stars, Sherman Howard, Buddy Young and George Talieferro, will have relatives in the stands during the Chicago game. Howard and Young live in Chicago and Talieferro hails from Gary, Indiana, just thirty miles away.

ARMY COACH BLAIK'S blast at the pro game in Colliers is a phony from start to finish. He says the pros don't play for real football, just put on a show for dough. Of course the pros play for dough. The difference is they do it without the hypocrisy of the "amateurs" like West Point. What do Blaik and the other Army Colonels bring their team to the Yankee Stadium for every year—to build character?

## Report Steel Union Leaders Ask 25 Cents Hourly Raise

PITTSBURGH. — The Pittsburgh Daily Reporter, newspaper being published by the newspaper unions during the tieup of the three big dailies here, reports that it has learned from "reliable sources" that the chief demands of the CIO United Steelworkers Union are a 25-cents an hour wage boost and paid vacations of one week after a year's employment, two weeks after three years, and three weeks after 15 years on the job.

The Reporter confirmed our disclosure last week of demands for time and a half for Saturday work, double time for work on Sundays, double time and a half for holidays worked, with straight time for holidays not worked.

Additional demands now reported include strict seniority in cases of lay-offs by eliminating the company's present right to take into consideration "other factors being equal." General and grievance committee members would have "super-seniority", thus keeping union representatives on their jobs during lay-offs of workers with longer service.

Other reported demands include:

- Where a company saves through installation of new machinery the workers involved shall have their rates raised accordingly. This is in line with Philip Murray's often expressed opinion that the workers should "share" in profits from increased production.

- Workers, leaving a company unless quitting or being fired, should get severance pay.

- Changes asked for in grievance procedure include the bypassing of foremen, with grievances carried direct to department heads; and institution of definite time schedules for speeding settlement of complaints.

- Elimination of wage differentials, especially in southern mills and in ore-mining fields.

- Consideration of a guaranteed annual wage for hourly-paid workers.

DEEP SECRECY still prevails regarding the specific demands, of which the rank and file have not yet been informed. The Reporter points out that "Obviously, several of the requests are talking points destined to meet a quick end, once the negotiators get down to serious talks." Some, it comments, "are traditional requests ones the union has sacrificed in the past to obtain more strongly desired concessions."

The negotiations with "Big Steel", which were resumed Oct. 27 under Murray's direct leadership for the union, are expected to set the contract pattern for the entire industry.





# Anti-Union Groups in First CD Back Machrowicz

DETROIT.—Center of attention in the city's Nov. 7 election races, is the First Congressional, which has been represented for many years by a pro-peace, pro-labor Congressman, George Sadowski, very narrowly defeated in the primaries by a Dixiecrat Democrat, Thaddeus Machrowicz.

Machrowicz is backed by the shrill-voiced, labor-hating, warmongering Dziennik Polski (Polish Daily News), for whom Herbert Hoover and Gen. MacArthur are idols and the late Franklin D. Roosevelt the devil himself.

Machrowicz is the only Democratic candidate for Congress backed by the Chamber of Commerce.

Running against him for the seat is Dorothy Knight, well-known Negro woman trade unionist,

leader of the Elks, champion of the fight for civil rights, known and respected by hundreds of union shop leaders throughout the first. She is running on the Progressive Party ticket. There is another candidate Rudolph Tenerowicz, one time Mayor of Hamtramck, ex-convict, Hitler lover and a Republican.

Machrowicz joins in with the pro-fascist Polish Daily News in the campaign of vilification against anyone who advocates peaceful relations with the Soviet Union, the new Democracies and New China. The Polish Daily News was the main mouthpiece campaigning for a "big" reception for the anti-Semite General Anders on his recent visit here.

The Polish Daily News which

booms Machrowicz each day, called for breaking the 1937 General Motors strike, saw the Taft-Hartley law as a boon and termed the Wagner Act "socialism."

This same Polish Daily News that backs Machrowicz is all out supporting Frank Schemanske, corporation counsel of Detroit against incumbent Negro Recorder Court Judge Charles Wesley Jones. Schemanske is a former law partner of Machrowicz and took his oath of office as a corporation counsel in the office of the Polish Daily News.

What therefore can the citizens of the first district expect from this Machrowicz? The Negro citizens can expect from a Machrowicz a continuation of jimcrow. On public housing in Hamtramck

Machrowicz teamed up with the Homeowners Association, known for its violently anti-Negro position on housing. The Polish citizens can expect continued violent opposition to the Peoples Democracy of Poland; demands for the United States to break off relations with Poland, support to the pro-fascist, anti-Semitic General Anders and his government in exile. Machrowicz like his backer, the Polish Daily News, is for more armaments, a bigger army.

His twin on the Republican Party, Rudolph Tenerowicz, has an identical program and no choice exists between them.

That is why the Progressive Party has performed a major service to the voters, Negro and white in the First District by nominating

Dorothy Knight as its candidate for Congress.

This fighting Negro woman trade unionist and community leader offers a alternative to the voters—she campaigns and fights on a program which calls for repeal of the Taft-Hartley Act, repeal of the McCarran Act, for peace and funds for war to be used to build housing.

She points in her meetings to soaring costs of living, calls for price control, rolling back prices for June 15, for passage of a excess profits tax, for FEPC, nationally, state and in Detroit.

Her program is an antidote to the warlike, pro-fascist poison peddled by the Machrowicz-Tenerowicz puppets manipulated by the employer dominated Dziennik Polski (Polish Daily News).

## Paid Church Dues, So Families Here Cut Off Relief

DETROIT.—Negro families of four who get \$11 a week for food from the City Welfare Dept. are cut off relief if found to have used any of that money to pay church dues.

Also if any family on relief is found to have a telephone, an old car or is seen drinking a glass of beer, the family is also cut off.

In one year welfare rolls have been cut 50 percent. All single people are practically off the rolls, with city auditors demanding that this be made permanent and that all couples be stricken off who don't have children and forced to re-apply through a screen process. No one is given relief here unless they prove to an "investigator" at any time, they are looking for work.

Some \$50,000 was spent by the city in the last year hiring gumshoe investigators who posed as "insurance" salesmen checking people if they were eligible for insurance.

This was turned in to City Hall as "evidence" and used as an excuse to cut off hundreds more. One Negro woman who accepted a ride from a friend to visit a local race track, was made the victim of a frameup by a photographer and reporter from the Free Press who snapped her picture.

This was used to initiate another "cleanup" on welfare rolls, despite the fact that it was medically testified to the fact that the Negro woman could not work, because of a dangerously high blood pressure.

## De Soto Stoppages Hit Stall on Beefs

DETROIT.—From Oct. 11 to 19, hundreds of Chrysler DeSoto workers at the Warren Ave. plant staged daily four-hour work stoppages seeking to get action on 61 grievances.

The struggle began Oct. 11, with 40 gas welders after repeated requests for wooden platforms to stand on, because working on a cement floor was a health hazard.

Within two days they were being supported by metal finishers, grinders and other classifications, until the company admitted that on Oct. 18 that some 2,000 workers were involved.

## Jewish Forum Says Ban on CP Aids Anti-Semites

DETROIT.—The outlawing of the Communist Party would mean an increase in anti-Semitism, less housing for the people, and lower wages, said the majority of the members of the Wednesday evening Discussion Group of the Jewish Community Center here.

## Clothes, Books, Cakes Asked for Dec. Bazaar

DETROIT.—The arrangements committee for the Annual All Nations Bazaar, to be held Dec. 1-2-3 at the Jewish Cultural Center, 2705 Joy Rd., has issued a special request that donations of saleable clothing, books and cakes be sought.

The Michigan Worker editors are glad to assist in this appeal for support for a bazaar, the proceeds of which will go to fight discrimination and anti-Semitism.

The committee announces that many booths are available for groups and organizations interested in this project for aiding the struggle for civil rights. A call to The Worker, WO 4-1965 reserves space for your booth.

A special book stall will be set aside for all books that are donated which in turn will be sold for many times below their cost. Many women readers of the Michigan Worker have promised to bake a cake for the giant bake sale which will be a three-day feature of the bazaar.

The committee announces that there will be another special kids Xmas party, Saturday, Dec. 2, at 2 p.m. Some 500 children attended last year. Donations of books and clothing can be left at Mich. Worker office, 2419 G. River.

Their statements were made at a meeting which discussed the question, "Should the Communist Party be Outlawed?"

The speaker for the evening, a Mr. Title, used President Truman's statement that the McCarran Bill "puts the U. S. Government in the thought-control business."

One man asked the question, "Who outlaws the Communist Party?"

The questioner answered his own question: "Nazi Germany outlawed the C. P., France, Spain, Fascist Italy, Japan, etc., outlawed the C. P."

A woman speaker pointed out that since the attacks on the left unions, social workers in Detroit do not have a strong union movement to fight for their needs anymore.

## CP Expels Lee St. John

DETROIT. — The Communist Party of Michigan announced this week that Lee St. John has been expelled from its ranks under Article III Section 3 of the Party's Constitution. The Section reads:

"Any member shall be expelled from the Party who is found to be a strikebreaker, provocateur, engaged in espionage, or who advocates force and violence or terrorism, or who adheres to or participates in the activities of any group or party which conspires or acts to subvert, undermine, weaken or overthrow any or all institutions of American democracy through which the majority of the American people can maintain their right to determine their destinies." According to the announcement St. John held his Communist Party membership in Detroit, the charges against him were conclusively proven and the decision for his expulsion was unanimous.

## AUTOTOWN ALLEY by THE OLD-TIMER

UAW CONVENTION time is drawing near (March, 1951, Cleveland) and the kingmakers in union lobbies would have you believe that Richard T. Leonard wants to run against UAW president Reuther and is backed by CIO president Murray, sounds like a "loyal opposition" slate.

Ellsworth Hanlon, "educational" director of Ford Local 600, whose father used to be chief cop in the downriver town of River Rouge, is murmuring in people's ears that the Stellato gang in local 600 are out to clean out the ACTU and their top West Side decoration, regional director, Joe McCusker. This "cleaning out the ACTU" gag of course is to give them a militant flavor to offset their "trial" of five shop leaders.

Someone asked the other day who was paying Zwerdling, the

prosecutor for Stellato of the five Ford union men on "trial." We can't figure why he should be paid, when it's reported he has gotten the inside track on all Workmen's Compensation cases that may come up in the 65,000 member local. The State law says that the attorney in such cases can claim 25 percent of the award a worker gets, for his broken bones, mashed limbs, loss of limbs or diseased lungs.

What's to the story at the last International UAW executive board meeting that Cy O'Halloran, West Coast regional director wrassled verbally with Reuther and the majority of the Board upheld O'Halloran. Anyway what makes it worth printing is that O'Halloran fired four Reuther boys on his staff recently and replaced them with guys who may do a little work for the members.

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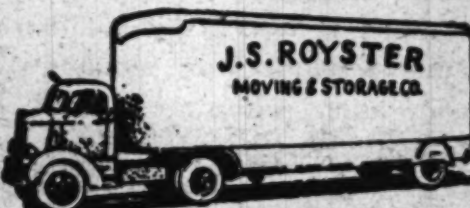
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# Polls Show Voters See Peace as Main Issue

How do New Jersey's Congressional candidates shape up in the light of the New Jersey Poll survey of issues in this state—the survey which revealed last week that voters would rather hear their candidates' stand on peace and foreign policy than any other issue?

Scoreboard to date shows a dismal zero for all 28 Republican and Democratic Congressional aspirants—but an impressive .1000 batting average for two Progressive Party candidates.

The Progressive Congressional nominees are both women, both well-known civic leaders and both have made peace the outstanding issue of their campaigns.

• Mrs. Frances Leber, 3rd District candidate, made Page 1 headlines in Asbury Park last week when she issued a ringing anti-war speech at a League of Women Voters packed meeting—while her Republican and Democratic opponents failed to show up. Mrs. Leber, wife of a poultry farmer and former Democratic candidate for state assembly, is editor of the Eastern Union Farmer.

• Mrs. Katharine Van Orden, Progressive Congressional candidate in the 12th District (see Profile, Back Page) hit the bell when she said in her weekly radio broadcast over WNJR Monday night: "There is one issue that has the politicians worried, and that is the issue of peace. The American people don't want war—so the politicians are put in a very awkward position. They say there is no way to get peace except to prepare for war—or even go to war, as in Korea."

"I say the only way to get peace is to make peace—to sit down around the conference table until, by negotiations and compromise, outstanding differences are settled. We have to talk peace sometime, either before or after a war. If we want peace without a war, the time to talk is now."

TRENTON.—Maybe the Senator saw a danger signal in the latest New Jersey poll of public opinion. Maybe he took a slight indisposition out of the latest Gallup poll, which also works out of nearby Princeton. Or maybe the State Dept. simply cracked down.

Whatever it was, the Hon. Sen. H. Alexander Smith issued a loud harumph and announced this week he would certainly NOT debate U. S. policy in Formosa with progressive commentator Raymond Walsh.

Three weeks ago the Senator had agreed—in writing, no less—to appear at WITM Auditorium this Sunday afternoon and tell Dr. Walsh why MacArthur and Truman should be allowed to play Napoleon in Formosa, which is part of China. Tickets sold like hotcakes at a buck a throw, and Dr. Walsh will be there. But not Sen. Smith. The whole thing, he said, was a "misunderstanding."

• NOTE 1.—The New Jersey Poll, a statewide public survey, recently asked voters what issues they want to see discussed most between now and Election Day. In 1-2-3 order, the most popular answers were: foreign policy; national security; settling the Korean situation.

• NOTE 2.—Another Jersey-based poll—Gallup's—asked the voters if they think it's a good idea for Truman to have a talk with Stalin to try to iron out the kinks in the international situation.

52 percent said Yes.

Sen. Smith? He won't even talk to the voters.



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# CALL FOR REPEAL OF J. C. GAG LAW

## Dean Warns Sellout Looms on Bus Fares

NEWARK.—The Driscoll administration this week moved toward a sellout of the five-cent fare to Public Service Corporation. And while Republican and Democratic politicians kept mum on the explosive issue, Elwood Dean, Communist candidate for Essex County Clerk, called for "a storm of people's protests as the only way to prevent going back to six, seven or eight-cent fares."

Dean pointed out that Gov. Driscoll didn't even send Attorney Gen. Parsons to the Public Utility Commission hearing to buck the utility's latest grab for increased fares.

"The Governor sent a deputy attorney general who told the commission what everybody knows," Dean said—"that Public Service doubled its anticipated revenue under the 7-cent fare, and that it can't be very broke if it can afford to buy full page ads propagandizing against the nickel fare."

Dean charged Driscoll prepared the fare sellout Sept. 20, when the Governor said that "lack of funds may limit state intervention" against the monopoly's new fare grab.

"It's the people who lack funds as the result of rising prices and war taxes," Dean declared. "And it's the people who are going to

## 'Let Not Thy Right Hand ...'

NEWARK.—While one set of Public Service executives were flying their crying towels at half mast over the corporation's poverty at the state 5c-fare hearing last week, another group calmly announced that Public Service Electric & Gas operating revenue for the nine-month period ending Sept. 30 was \$8,744,777 more than for the same period in 1949.

Concern, however, was expressed at the company's net income figure—that is, cool profit after all expenses. That was only a total of 15 million dollars for the nine months.

JERSEY CITY.—The drive to repeal this city's week-old "Hague-McCarran" registration ordinance is rolling. Thousands of leaflets distributed throughout the state by the Civil Rights Congress called on Jerseyans to phone, wire, or write Mayor John V. Kenny

demanding immediate nullification of the gag law rammed through the City Commission last week. The ordinance due to take effect Oct. 27, is modeled almost exactly on the Los Angeles registration bill thrown out by two California courts as against the U. S. constitution.

Passed over the opposition of all major groups which took part in the citywide upsurge that defeated Frank Hague last year, the Kenny ordinance would require police registration of any Jersey City resident or any of the million commuters who daily pass through Jersey City—who may be considered "Communist" by local politicians or cops.

The American Civil Liberties Union has already announced it will aid any court challenge of the repressive law. The Communist Party named specifically in the law, has notified Mayor Kenny it will "never register to destroy the people's civil liberties, as this bill would do."

Opposition to the ordinance was expressed in a large Jersey Journal advertisement paid for by a group of Jersey City residents. The Citizens Alliance, prominent organization of Jersey City who led the broad movement who elected Kenny charged the mayor with reviving Hagueism here.

Martha Stone, State chairman of the Communist Party, called for mass protests against the gag law in the form of a large vote for David White and James Evans.

Communist candidates for County Freeholder.

"Mr. White is well-known as a Negro leader and World War II veteran and Mr. Evans is an outstanding trade unionist," Miss Stone

said. "Votes for them are not merely Communist votes—important as that is—but they are a most effective way of protesting the outrageous Kenny blow at the people's civil rights."

## The Gravy Train Rolls Again

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# Army Weighs Appeals for Doomed Negro Lieut.

The Judge Advocate General's office in Washington, D. C., this week heard two appeals for revocation of the death sentence on 30-year-old Lt. Leon Anthony Gilbert, Jr., Negro officer of York, Pa., with the 24th Infantry Regiment in Korea.

As Lt. Gilbert awaited outcome of the review of his case in an Army stockade in Japan, a delegation of 21 representatives of labor, civic and religious organizations from New York, Baltimore and Philadelphia appealed directly to Maj. Gen. E. M. Brannon, Army Judge Advocate General.

On Tuesday, the following day, Lt. Gilbert's lawyer, Judson Ruch of York, argued in behalf of the young Negro officer before the Army's Judicial Council in the Pentagon. Ruch was accompanied by Mrs. Kay Gilbert, the officer's wife, by representatives of NAACP and the Pittsburgh Courier, Negro weekly.

Following these hearings, the Judicial verdict and sentence of Sept. 6 in Haman, Korea, the case then goes to Army Secretary Frank Pace, Jr., and following his opinion, to President Truman, who has the power to throw out the verdict and sentence and to reinstate Lt. Gilbert.

**BOTH GROUPS** asked for reversal of the sentence. Attorney Ruch asked for reversal or reduction of sentence, but the three-city delegation, eight of whom were allowed to present their case to Maj. Gen. Brannon, urged "complete reversal" only, and coupled this plea with a request that the Judge Advocate General recommend to President Truman abolition of the segregation of Negro troops and all other forms of discrimination.

Moreover, the three-city delegation asked that after revocation of the death sentence, Lt. Gilbert "should immediately be down to his wife and children to make up as much as possible for the damage already done."

The eight spokesmen of this delegation included Russel Meek, executive secretary of the New York Civil Rights Council; Kurt Louise Herold, administrative sec-



LIEUT. LEON GILBERT, JR.

retary of the Harlem Chapter of the New York CRC; Ferdinand C. Smith of the Harlem Trade Union Council. They asserted that the "prejudiced death sentence" against Lt. Gilbert had made his wife seriously ill and endangered the life of their unborn child.

Both the three-city delegation and Lt. Gilbert's lawyer based their appeal on these three arguments: (1) Lt. Gilbert did not re-

ceive a fair trial; (2) he was suffering from severe shock and emotional disturbance at the time of his alleged refusal to obey an order to advance in the face of enemy fire; (3) the court martial lacked jurisdiction since the "police action" in Korea was not "war," and under provisions of the Manual for Court Martial as issued by the Judge Advocate General's office, the maximum sentence for insubordination in the course of a police action is five years.

**IN ADDITION** to these arguments, however, the three-city delegation emphasized the jimcrow frameup character of the court martial. They cited the fact that prosecution witnesses were relieved from combat duty to testify against Lt. Gilbert, while important defense witnesses were not allowed to leave the front, even though some were only 200 yards cited the fact that the court itself was lily-white.

"Perhaps the clearest indication

of the prejudice of this trial," declared Smith, "was the statement by the commanding General of the 25th Division, Maj. Gen. William Keane, who said before the trial 'I will not rest until I get a death sentence for Gilbert.'"

Meek, underscoring the jimcrow conditions surrounding the court martial, expressed the opinion that jimcrow U. S. army itself is a violation of the United Nations Charter, and that the UN has responsibility for discipline of troops under its command.

Maj. Gen. Brannon and his aides listened attentively to the arguments, but reserved comment. The 13 members excluded from the hearing "for lack of space" included Morris Greenbaum, CRC lawyer; Dr. Clementina Paolone, New York physician and American Labor Party candidate for Lieut. Governor; the Rev. Dr. Spencer Kennard of the American Baptist Foreign Mission Society; and Mrs. Grace B. Dilworth, of Baltimore's Christ Methodist Church.

## VOTERS TURNING TO ALP Liberal Party Deals IN FIGHT AGAINST GRAFT Anger Its Members

### Ross Exposes Plunder of Schools, Hospitals

By Michael Singer

How much money has been stolen from the New York City taxpayer in the graft and corruption exposed during the mayoralty campaign? One conservative budget analyst said the figure might "reach a billion" but only the most searching investigation could ever fully dig it up.

However, taking the \$160,000,000 higher fare gouge which has been revealed repeatedly as a Democratic-Republican steal in behalf of the transit bondholders and the big realty monopolists, as a common denominator for gauging the overall pilfering of the city treasury, we can safely estimate that crooked politics has cost the public:

- 6 hospitals at \$4 to \$10 million each.
- 13 schools costing between \$2½ to \$5 million apiece.
- 16 health centers with a value of about \$8,000,000.
- 23 playgrounds at approximately \$100,000 each.

It has been charged by American Labor Party candidate for Mayor, Paul L. Ross, that a list of 200 Tammany jobs were used in City Hall to handle patronage demands. About 150 of these flunky posts are salaried at anywhere between \$2,100 to \$3,200 a year and another 50 are in the \$3,500 to \$6,100 a year bracket. This booty for the machine bosses cost the city around \$730,000 which could build a new Harlem Public Market, repair and improve the Harlem Hospital, or construct the much-needed and long-promised Bedford Health Center in the Brooklyn Negro community.

It could go a long way for towels, soaps and toilet facilities in decrepit school buildings and would eliminate much of the starvation-imposed relief cuts by Commissioner Hilliard. Were this money available hundreds of diabetic welfare clients in need of insulin treatment could be accommodated.

The politicians through favored bids to school and hospital-suppliers and construction firms, helped reduce the war-imposed cuts in the education and health budgets by additional millions.

**NO CITY OFFICIAL** would offer any private estimate as to what graft and corruption by the two-party machines has cost the public in desperately needed services and improvements. One did admit that "it might have helped gain salary increases for civil service workers."

This is the true picture behind the headlines. The angry, disgusted voter scanning the mayoralty candidates is becoming increasingly aware that the underworld-Wall St. political grip in New York is not merely a conniving deal with big lies paying off more than \$20,000,000 annually to cops and high police officials.

It has been disclosed by Carmine G. De Sapio, Tammany leader, that the "independent" candidate, Acting Mayor Vincent R. Impellitteri, three-times begged him for a Supreme Court judgeship for himself as well as two City Court and one Magistrate Court bench appointments for his friends. Impellitteri has accused Tammany of trying to bribe him with a Supreme Court post to withdraw from the race. The acting mayor has charged Tammany-Liberal candidate Ferdinand C. Pecora with being an intimate of Frank Costello, racket king, and of having been told by Genesee Pope, Jr., publisher of 11 Progresso, and heavy contributor to Pecora, that "Frank Costello told me he's going along with Pecora, so I'm going along with Pecora, too."

**IT HAS BEEN** documented by Rep. Vito Marcantonio that Pecora hailed Mussolini's rape of Ethiopia in 1935 and that Ed Corsi, Republican candidate, was a director of the Mussolini-supported weekly La Settimana.

The acting mayor, who for six years was Mayor O'Dwyer's stooge as President of the City Council, is no more a foe of the machine bosses, than either of his two major party opponents. He is the echo of former Tammany leader Frank Sampson, a close aide of Joe (King) Ryan, AFL longshore dictator. With Sampson supplying most of the funds and helping to direct strategy is Walter Shirley, big-time realty speculator.

A strong report that has never been denied is that Republican money is helping finance Impellitteri's campaign to draw votes from Pecora and thereby, elect Corsi.

**THE PRESS** builds up the



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graft angle and the corruption charges of all the three machine candidates but carefully buries the accusations and program of the only clean and un-bossed candidate in the field—Paul L. Ross of the American Labor Party. Ross was Administrative Assistant to Mayor O'Dwyer and quit his \$15,000 post because of the raise in transit fare.

Now head of the New York Tenants Council he has been an indefatigable foe of such giant jimcrow landlords as Metropolitan Life and led the struggle to open Stuyvesant Town to Negro tenants.

Two major exposes by Ross as presented to Gov. Dewey during the campaign have already been substantiated. One was the school graft scandal, the other the Hack Bureau tax medallion racket where emblems sold for \$5,000 to \$10,000 each. It was the ALP candidate who championed the demand for exclusion of the anti-semitic Polish fascist Gen. Anders from New York City.

As the campaign draws to a close it becomes irrefutably clear that Pecora-Corsi-Impellitteri are triple evils who are mouthpieces for reaction, war, hysteria and corruption.

**The ALP** and its mayoralty candidate Ross is the only answer on Nov. 7!

By Max Gordon

Independent voters, including Liberal Party supporters, are shocked by the revelations of corruption within the two major parties, as well as exposure of the close ties of leading candidates with big business reaction.

The Liberal Party is squarely in the middle of this stench, with its support of Walter A. Lynch for Governor, Tammany's Ferdinand Pecora for Mayor and pro-Christian Fronter James C. Donovan for Congress in Rep. Vito Marcantonio's 18th congressional district.

Those backing the American Labor Party are alone in a position to say "We told you so," since the ALP candidates are free from the stench of racketeering. These candidates are not grasping politicians but were named because of their records of service in housing, civil rights, peace and labor fields.

The public has learned that office buying is common practice in New York politics. First, the letter written by Lt. Governor Joe R. Hanley to a GOP foe of Governor Dewey told how he had been bought out of the Governorship nomination to make way for Dewey. The fact has also emerged that Winthrop Aldrich, head of the Chase National Bank, told Hanley bluntly that if he insisted on running, there would be no money for the GOP campaign.

Then the public learned how the Democrats sought to get Vincent Impellitteri to quit as candidate for Mayor with offer of a supreme court judgeship, and how Impellitteri held out for three other judgeships for pals.

Still to receive wide publicity is the charge that Lynch has been promised a federal judgeship if he loses the governorship race. This is supposed to be his reward for "sacrificing" his congressional seat to make the run.

**FOR LIBERAL PARTY** voters, however, the revelation that leaders of that outfit were ready to barter their votes for Governor in exchange for a judgeship for a party hack will come as a special shock.

The Dubinsky-Berle crowd which runs the Liberal Party informed the Democrats it would back any Democrat for Governor in exchange for a state supreme court nomination for Matthew Levy in the Bronx. The Liberal Party leaders had even expressed readiness to back reactionary Appeals Court

Judge Albert Conway, first choice of the Democrats, who had supported jimcrow in Stuyvesant Town and had a consistent anti-labor record on the bench.

Now they find themselves backing Rep. Walter A. Lynch, who supported a loan for Franco, voted for the fascist McCarran Act, opposed Rep. Vito Marcantonio's repealer of Taft-Hartley. Lynch assails Dewey as the candidate of the Chase National Bank, which is Rockefeller-controlled, but himself is a director of the Middle States Petroleum Company, closely associated with the Rockefeller Oil Trust.

The Liberal Party is also in the Tammany-Pecora corner, linked with racketeer Frank Costello, in the mayoralty race. And it is allied with Hearst's Mirror and Journal-American in support of Marcantonio's opponent, James Donovan, who also backs Franco Spain, is an ardent advocate of the fascist McCarran measure, and a foe of public welfare measures.

**ALARMED BY VOTER** defections, Liberal Party canvassers are forgetting Lynch and Pecora, and centering attention only on Senatorial candidate Herbert H. Lehman. Here, too, they are in a spot in view of Lehman's silence on renazification and militarizing of western Germany, his public support of the recent demonstration for the Polish anti-Semitic fascist General Anders, his lauding of John Foster Dulles as a leader of American foreign policy.

Impellitteri, seeking to exploit the outraged sentiments of the voters, is posing as an "independent," hoping the voters will overlook the fact that he sought desperately to become the nominee of the Tammany bosses and is, in fact, the front for a gang of racketeers and politicians who want to replace the Tammany crowd.

Voters who want to sweep the city clean of this dirt and muck, who want decency, good housing, more schools, a curb on anti-Semitism and jimcrow, and peace are turning to the American Labor Party as the one party challenging the grafters and political racketeers.



## Scanning the News

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tion has served as a handy device by the Ford family to avoid paying millions in inheritance taxes. . . .

The American Jewish Labor Council has demanded an investigation into the anti-Semitic attack by New York cops and firemen on City Councilman Stanley M. Isaacs. . . . Two hundred mothers picketed a public school in Lower Manhattan to protest the transfer of children to a school 10 blocks away. . . . The Manhattan Tenants Council called upon the city to halt eviction of tenants at Stuyvesant Town. The tenants had participated in the fight to eliminate jimcrow in the city-aided housing project. . . .

### Kids Lose Out

A Wayne University student was placed on probation for distributing a leaflet calling for rescinding the death sentence on Lieut. Gilbert, Negro officer in Korea. . . . The Labor Youth League's first national convention will be held in New York over the Thanksgiving weekend. . . . Most girls and boys who enter high school fail to graduate because of the need to contribute to their family's support, it was revealed by Earl J. McGrath, U. S. Commissioner of Education. . . . Federal funds granted to 10 eastern states will not meet the "health and welfare needs of all children," the head of the U. S. Children's Bureau announced. . . .

Winston Churchill added his voice to Acheson's in demanding that France agree to the rebuilding of the German Wehrmacht. . . . A Junker General Staff, headed by Count Von Schwerin, is already drawing up plans for a new Wehrmacht. . . .

After widespread protests, the Indianapolis City Council shelved a bill to register Communists. . . . Ninety-five percent of all rent increase applications in New York State have been granted. . . . The American Communications Association won a 16-cent raise from RCA. . . . The UAW-CIO warned that new restrictions on consumer credit will cut down sales of cars and bring unemployment. . . . The Washington, D. C., Board of Education barred a play from the schools because it had Negro and white actors. . . . The Pittsburgh Grand Jury indicted three Communist leaders on charges of "sedition." . . . The Canadian government finally got around to appointing an arbitrator for last August's nine-day railroad strike. . . .

Mexico City bullfighters struck against the world's largest bullring, the Plaza Mexico. . . .

-By BERNARD BURTON.

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## Reuther Admits

# Main War Costs Placed on Workers

By George Morris

Walter Reuther, in a letter to War Mobilization Chief W. Stuart Symington, charged that labor leaders were completely ignored when plans were drawn for the new consumer credit regulations that are shutting the small-income people out of the market for homes, cars and other goods.

"Not one in government took the trouble to so much as inform our union, for example, that measures were under consideration that might well deprive hundreds of thousands of our members of their jobs and pay and shut them off from access to homes, cars and other durable goods," Reuther complained.

Ironically, Reuther was one of the committee of nine labor leaders that submitted in August a much-advertised plan to Symington on a permanent labor advisory setup in support of the war mobilization program. His long, bitterly-worded letter shattered the nonsense, claimed by labor leaders, that they are "partners" in war mobilization planning.

Reuther charges that the Federal Reserve Board, dominated by a "banking mentality," followed the line set forth by Taft in a Senate speech. Taft advised that if a 50 percent down payment would be required on car purchases, sales would drop by 2,000,000 cars a year and 2,000,000 tons of steel would be released for armaments.

THE UAW'S HEAD also cited the results of a survey which indicated that approximately 75 to 80 percent of the small-income people would be shut off the housing market because of the requirement of a \$2,300 down payment on a \$10,000 home.

"The same workers and low-income consumers have already been selected as the artificial victims of most other defense preparations to date," Reuther admitted.

The union leader reiterates his full support of the war drive, which he now admits is bringing forth unwanted fruits. He charges only bad management of the war

program and wants a labor-management conference to talk things over.

Reuther's protest received no serious attention, however, from the hard-headed corporation executives running the war drive. Meanwhile the first reports on the effect of the new credit rules showed New York department store sales slipping to only one percent above last year for the corresponding period. Sales had been running 10 or more percent above last year. Car sales are dropping heavily.

**CORPORATE PROFITS** for the second quarter of 1950 jumped to a new all-time record, topping the first quarter of 1950 by 25 percent, according to the Commerce Department. Profits before taxes reached the staggering figure of \$37,400,000,000 a year. The annual level after taxes is now \$22,200,000,000, also an all-time high.

The Labor Department's cost of living index hiked another half point to 173.8 for the month of September.

The howl raised by Reuther is undoubtedly intended more for the consumption of his million dissatisfied members than for any real practical results. Basically it is the drive towards war, which Reuther demanded for years, that produced the conditions of which he now complains.

Far from being the fruits of "mismanagement" or lack of "coordination" in the war program, as charged by Reuther in his letter, the credit restrictions are **PLANNED** deliberately to conform to the war drive. With the rise in the cost of living and pressure for raises, the planners want to shut off most wage earners from most durable goods so they could devote their declining purchasing power entirely to covering food, clothing, rent and mounting taxes.

This result is actually a by-product of the general policy of shifting steel and other materials for war and cutting consumer products in many fields. Thus, as Reuther admits, the goods that are available will go mainly to the "well-heeled" not handicapped by credit restrictions.

### Polish 'Border Street' At the Irving Place

Border Street, Polish film of the Warsaw Ghetto, which won wide acclaim in both the American and foreign press, is now playing at the Irving Place Theatre, Irving Pl. near 14 St.

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## The Communists and The 1950 Elections

PASSAGE of the McCarran "anti-Communist" act—as well as its little Jersey City version—has aroused more interest than ever before in the Communist Party. Many people have been asking what effect the McCarran Act will have on the Communists' election activities. Because of this widespread interest, the New Jersey Worker has asked Elwood Dean, education director of the N. J. Communist Party, to present his party's answer to the question. Mr. Dean, a Pacific combat veteran of World War II, is Communist candidate for Essex County Clerk.

By Elwood M. Dean

THE ELECTION CAMPAIGN of 1950 will mark the beginning of a new stage in American political life. The adoption of the McCarran-Kilgore police-state bill has given legal status to thought-control and concentration camps in the United States. Some valid comparisons have been made between the so-called Internal Security Act of 1950 and the Alien and Sedition Acts of 1798 on the one hand, and the Fugitive Slave Laws on the other. These earlier reactionary measures were efforts by the feudal landowner class to prevent the development of democracy demanded by the then new and expanding capitalist system.

THE 1950 LAW is an effort to prevent the downfall of imperialism. It is legislation calculated to stall social progress. It is but one of the methods put into practice by the capitalist class. Others include the attempt to cause a third world war, increased attacks upon the Negro people and other minorities; efforts to buy off certain leaders of the organized labor movement and, perhaps, most dangerous of all, new techniques in demagoguery styled to obliterate the class struggle because it is the only means through which any lasting progress can be achieved.

SINCE THE U. S. IMPERIALISTS are the leaders in the drive to hold back history, the election campaign of 1950 carries with it world significance as a prelude to the even more important elections of 1952.

Irrespective of the outcome on Nov. 7, the necessity of political realignments to halt the drive of reaction in the United States is the main question in the period now opening up in American politics.

Under such circumstances a place for the Communist Party on the 1950 ballots is important. No other political party (including the Progressive Party) can present the class character of the contemporary struggles and show the leading role of the working class in them. None but the Communist Party can properly chart a correct course for the future, because it alone is based upon Marxism-Leninism, the science of the natural development of society.

THE RUNNING OF COMMUNIST candidates is one of the means to fight for the legality of the Communist Party. This fight bears heavily upon the future of democracy in our country.

For these reasons Communist candidates are important. And in today's political atmosphere the securing of places for Communists on the ballot is in itself no small victory.

Communist election activity must embody front principles in the truest Marxist sense. It must reflect the independent role of the working class and its vanguard, the Communist Party. Communist candidates are one of the imperative means to make this role clear.

For these reasons Communists seek public office in 1950 and will do so in every subsequent election wherever and whenever possible.

## CAMPBELL CO. LIKES SPLIT, PUTS WORKERS IN THE SOUP

CAMDEN. Editor, N. J. Worker: I think your readers will be interested in knowing how the Campbell Soup Corporation views the decision of the union leadership here to switch over into the CIO.

The workers are just as militant as ever, but apparently the company sees the leadership's split into the CIO as a chance to do away with union conditions it took years to build up. Here is an example:

In the Can Division press room, Plant 2, the can checkers have always had a shift of work for a half hour out of every two. That is because of the terrible eye-strain in checking all the cans.

Well, last week the company de-

cided it was time to crack down and ordered the can checkers to stay at one job for the full eight hours with no switch. The checkers tried to keep up for three days—then 40 women went back to the old union conditions without company permission. So the company suspended them.

Believe me, that never could have happened if the company did not think it could get away with it. No doubt many honest workers thought they were doing right by following the split into the CIO, but it will take plenty of unity and militant action to keep the leadership on their toes and prevent the company from muscling in on our union.

LOCAL 80 VETERAN.

## Newark Sour on Clay 'Crusade'

NEWARK.—Gen. Lucius Clay's phony "Crusade for Freedom" is falling on its face here, say the Newark Star-Ledger—and it blames the Newark Star-Ledger for the sad results.

The Ledger mourns that since its screaming meemies against the Stockholm Peace Petition campaign, "Newarkites have become so Communist-conscious and allergic to signing petitions . . . that most

of them shy from signing the pledge of the Crusade for Freedom, a legitimate pro-democracy campaign."

Crusade team members from South Side High School went out with their petition blanks to gather signatures from shoppers in front of Sears Roebuck. Score at the end of the evening showed six out of seven had refused to sign, the

Ledger reported.

The so-called "Crusade for Freedom," using an innocent-sounding petition text, is actually a front for collecting money to finance anti-democratic radio broadcasts in Europe. Its chairman, Gen. Lucius Clay, is the man who freed Ilse Koch after her conviction for using human skin to make lampshades while she headed a Nazi concentration camp.

# 'Operation Keenan' Raids Rouse Newark

By Mary Adams Taylor

NEWARK.—Anger is still sweeping this city's huge Negro ghetto, the teeming Third Ward, as the result of "Operation Keenan," a grisly experiment on fascist tactics by the police. Third Warders are urging wide protest to Public Safety Director John B. Keenan, who engineered the brutal operation.

It was carried out with military precision, on Oct. 14, 1950—a Saturday night, when the Third Ward's streets are thronged with pedestrians. On that night 100 police, plainclothesmen and detectives lived up in five-man squads.

EACH TEAM received a sealed

envelope with Keenan's secret directive; the envelopes were not to be opened until "zero hour." Instructions named specified places to be raided for "concealed weapons." The objective, according to newspapers, was allegedly to squelch "crime."

In a harrowing series of lightning entries by club-swinging police, 71

people were hauled off to the station, but only about 20 percent were actually accused of having concealed weapons. The real "crime" was being in the wrong place at the wrong time in the opinion of the arrogant anti-Negro police.

Bursting into taverns, Keenan's cops loudly announced they would search all patrons. They frisked men and rooted in women's pocketbooks. Protest against this flagrantly unlawful attack brought immediate arrest under the pretext of "obstruction of the police."

RESTAURANTS and public places as well as saloons were on the Keenan search list. Many of those arrested were kept jailed until Monday morning, Oct. 15. The swift, Gestapo-like maneuver caused many shocking scenes.

One 19-year-old Negro man, homeward bound with his lady friend from a dance at midnight, drew rough handling from the police. He was purposely returning his young friend to her home at an early hour, for this was the first time her mother had given permission for her to attend a dance. Frisked by the police, he was booked with "resisting an officer" because he dared to raise polite objections to the unwarranted attack.

Police triumphantly discovered a tiny pocket pen-knife which they produced as a "concealed weapon." The youth had never had any kind of a police record. He has one now.

A RESPECTABLE NEGRO woman waiting for a bus was approached by a white man who wanted street directions. Police swooped down and arrested both; she was charged with "soliciting," although she had no police record of any kind. The man drew a \$200 fine—apparently for violating Keenan's curfew designed to bar outsiders from entering the Third Ward after midnight.

The sinister police attack has roused sharp resentment. Third Warders are urging all Newarkers to protest at once to Keenan for his Nazi-like attack.

## Eligible for DAR, She Spurns Reactionaries

Although she's eligible for membership in the rock-ribbed Mayflower Society and the stuffy Daughters of the American Revolution, vivacious, warm-hearted Katherine Van Orden is prouder of her membership in the Progressive Party.

Mrs. Van Orden is candidate for Congress in the 12th Congressional District. The Progressive Party, she believes, is carrying on the traditions of her ancestors of 1776—which DAR dowagers prefer to forget.

Easily the outstanding candidate for national office in Essex County, her record reads like a diploma of democratic action. A few of its highlights:

Five-year president of the New Jersey League of Women's Shoppers and six-year president of its national organization, her militant, able leadership in the fight against profiteering led to her appointment by Chester Bowles to the National Consumers Advisory Council of the OPA.

IN 1942 SHE organized the first Consumer Information Center in Verona; this became the model for such centers all over the nation. In 1945 she was appointed State Chairman of the state OPA Consumers Advisory Committee.

President Truman (while still trying to bask in the rays of the



KATHARINE VAN ORDEN

New Deal) appointed her to the National Famine Emergency Council. In 1947 she was one of five sponsors of the Joint Committee on a Constitutional Bill of Rights for New Jersey, which was largely responsible for the anti-discrimination clause in the new State Constitution.

An attractive, keen-minded, energetic personality whose politics are pro-labor and pro-consumer to the core, Mrs. Van Orden is the mother of two draft-age sons. One also served in World War II, as did her husband.

Married in 1922, Mrs. Van Orden lives in Verona. She has two small granddaughters.

## COURT'S EARS 'CORK-STOPPED' TO JUSTICE

Editor, N. J. Worker:

The Civil Rights Congress has acquainted thousands of people with the case of the six innocent men sentenced to death in New Jersey's capital city, Trenton. The CRC was first to say they are innocent men. Then the people themselves discovered the frame-up and signed over 10,000 petitions protesting this injustice.

After the people so strongly protested the frameup, the Supreme Court said that the court of New Jersey has erred in sending these men to the electric chair and left it up to the court of N. J. to rectify its error. But instead, the same

judge that wilfully erred in the court still insisted that these innocent men must die.

The State of N. J. has five forced confessions that the Trenton police dept. obtained by giving the men the wet rubber hose treatment. The Mercer County Court used these five forced confessions as evidence against the six men.

The N. J. Supreme Court seriously doubts that these confessions are valid.

The public and the State Supreme Court have come to one agreement.

Now the people say that if the N. J. evidence against the men is invalid, then the entire case is a frameup and full of errors. Therefore there isn't a shadow of a doubt why the men shouldn't be released on bail.

The majority of the people also know and fully understand that finger prints are something to be used as evidence to identify criminals. But not so in this lynch room in Trenton. The prints were wiped off the bottle and not allowed to enter the court at all.

On Sunday night, October 15, 1950, thousands of people heard the Elder Rev. Beck of Buffalo broadcasting from his Church of

God in Christ, over radio station WKBW. He called the case of the innocent Trenton Six a frameup charge. In his prayer he asked God to free them, along with the Martinsville Seven, and Lt. Gilbert. Elder Beck said in his prayer to God, that's too many innocent young Negroes to die in America.

BILL CLARK.

## UE Workers Win Raise 10 Weeks Before Time

NEWARK.—Workers in 22 North Jersey electrical shops this week began taking home an extra 10c. an hour as the result of a reopener won 10 weeks ahead of schedule by Local 430 of the United Electrical and Radio Workers (UE, independent). Among the shops involved are Emerson Radio Corp., Jersey City; Teletone Radio, Elizabeth; Fada Radio and Television, Belleville, and Presto Recording Corp., Paramus.

UE leaders said the increase, gained 10 weeks before the contract reopening date, was the result of UE's policy of seeking immediate and substantial wage increases for its membership to compensate for higher prices and taxes.



# Gangsters Muscle in on National Politics

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Political survey reveals that FRANCES SMITH, 11th A.D. Assemblymanic candidate (shown right), is in "striking distance" of victory. (See story on Back Page.)



# PUSH 'BRASS' TO ACT ON LT. GILBERT APPEAL

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## HIS FREEDOM IS YOUR FREEDOM!



### Lynch Law in Korea...

Lt. LT. LEON A. GILBERT, JR., is a Negro officer in the Jimcrow 24th Infantry which was thrown into the hottest action in Korea. Wounded in World War II, he has a silver plate in his head.

LT. GILBERT WAS SENTENCED TO DEATH by an all-white Army court martial last Sept. 6. Allegedly he had refused to obey an order while in combat. This was the FIRST and ONLY such sentence in the Korean war! In letters to his wife printed in the Pittsburgh Courier, Lt. Gilbert denies he refused to fight. He says he tried to explain to a white colonel, newly-arrived at the front, that his position was impossible to hold.

A DAILY COMPASS REPORTER examined the trial record and found that Lt. Gilbert's key witnesses were barred from testifying. Medical evidence of his illness was rejected. The New York Post of Oct. 5 quotes his defense counsel as saying, "Military authorities wanted to make an example of someone and he (Gilbert) was elected."

### Lynch Law in Virginia...

IN MARTINSVILLE, VIRGINIA, meanwhile, seven Negro youths are slated to die Nov. 17 and 20. They too were tried by an all-white, prejudiced jury. This time the charge was alleged "rape." The Supreme Court refused to review their case.

### What YOU can do...

TODAY NEGRO YOUTH are "elected" for frameup by lynch law. Tomorrow white youth can get the same kind of "justice." Negroes are hit first because there's a history of injustice against them, both in civilian life and in the armed forces. But the thinking that considers Negroes as less than human, as expendable, eventually hits everyone else.

THE SAME KIND of thinking that made an "example" of Lt. Gilbert, a Negro, is also making an "example" of the colored people of Korea by bombing their cities and destroying their homes. It is to our shame that conservative Indian leaders at the recent Lucknow conference accused the U.S. of holding the lives of Asians "cheap."

AS LONG AS Truman turns down all offers for peaceful mediation because Wall Street's arms profits might drop, the lives of ALL peoples, Korean and American, Negro and white, will be considered "cheap."

WRITE TRUMAN: **FREE LT. GILBERT! FREE THE MARTINSVILLE 7! END ARMY JIMCROW!**

Labor Youth League, 799 Broadway, N.Y.C.



## YOU Can LEAD

An Editorial

THE WORLD IS WATCHING. Harlem, Dr. W. E. B. DuBois told a local audience recently, with "fascinating interest" in what "this dark group is thinking and advising."

The world is watching YOU who read this and search for the road to peace. The world wants to know what YOU think of Korean villages levelled and smoking; what YOU think of double-dealing, bomb-throwing imperialists who tolerate—even, promote—KKK mobs against Negroes while they rave against every plea for peace.

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THE WORLD WANTS TO KNOW: What YOU think of the Truman plan to place the control of two oceans, Asia, Africa and Europe in the hands of generals and bankers trained in the brutal "American Way" of Jimcrow and white supremacy

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YOU CAN'T LET THE WORLD know through the radio, the press and "The Voice of America." These lines of communication are reserved for war talkers and smooth-tongued liars cooing of a non-existent milk-and-honey-and-gold America.

But YOU can break through on Nov. 7 with a spanking peace and civil rights vote for the ALP candidates led by Dr. DuBois and our own Frances Smith in the 11th Assembly District. YOU can make Harlem's Nov. 7 vote the vote that "was heard around the world"—for peace.

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BUT THAT VOTE which is our voice has got to get out. YOU can get it out. WE, together, can get it out by pledging to work just one or two days a week for peace and our rights. Join up in the crusade against the police state and imperialist war. Go to 2132 Seventh Ave., the 11th A.D. ALP Club and get acquainted with those whom Dr. DuBois considers the future rulers of a peaceful U.S.A. in a peaceful world. Become a leader and a builder of the big voice that can speak and sing of victory on Nov. 7. Enlist for two weeks.

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AS DR. DuBOIS HAS SAID: We who have been scorned are now called upon to lead a war-weary world. And the world watches to see how well we fulfill the responsibility—A.W.B.

**ALP Girds for 11 AD  
Win in Peace Fight**

THE LEAFLET SHOWN ABOVE was distributed in young workers throughout New York City. (See story on youth Free Gilbert activities on page 3.)

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# Army Weighs Appeals for Doomed Negro Lieut.

The Judge Advocate General's office in Washington, D. C., this week heard two appeals for revocation of the death sentence on 30-year-old Lt. Leon Anthony Gilbert, Jr., Negro officer of York, Pa., with the 24th Infantry Regiment in Korea.

As Lt. Gilbert awaited outcome of the review of his case in an Army stockade in Japan, a delegation of 21 representatives of labor, civic and religious organizations from New York, Baltimore and Philadelphia appealed directly to Maj. Gen. E. M. Brannon, Army Judge Advocate General.

On Tuesday, the following day, Lt. Gilbert's lawyer, Judson Ruch of York, argued in behalf of the young Negro officer before the Army's Judicial Council in the Pentagon. Ruch was accompanied by Mrs. Kay Gilbert, the officer's wife, by representatives of NAACP and the Pittsburgh Courier, Negro weekly.

Following these hearings, the Judicial verdict and sentence of Sept. 6 in Hama, Korea, the case then goes to Army Secretary Frank Pace, Jr., and following his opinion, to President Truman, who has the power to throw out the verdict and sentence and to reinstate Lt. Gilbert.

**BOTH GROUPS** asked for reversal of the sentence. Attorney Ruch asked for reversal or reduction of sentence, but the three-city delegation, eight of whom were allowed to present their case to Maj. Gen. Brannon, urged "complete reversal" only, and coupled this plea with a request that the Judge Advocate General recommend to President Truman abolition of the segregation of Negro troops and all other forms of discrimination.

Moreover, the three-city delegation asked that after revocation of the death sentence, Lt. Gilbert "should immediately be given to his wife and children to make up as much as possible for the damage already done."

The eight spokesmen of this delegation included Russel Meek, executive secretary of the New York Civil Rights Council; Kurt Louise Herold, administrative sec-



LIEUT. LEON GILBERT, JR.

retary of the Harlem Chapter of the New York CRC; Ferdinand C. Smith of the Harlem Trade Union Council. They asserted that the "prejudiced death sentence" against Lt. Gilbert had made his wife seriously ill and endangered the life of their unborn child.

Both the three-city delegation and Lt. Gilbert's lawyer based their appeal on these three arguments: (1) Lt. Gilbert did not re-

ceive a fair trial; (2) he was suffering from severe shock and emotional disturbance at the time of his alleged refusal to obey an order to advance in the face of enemy fire; (3) the court martial lacked jurisdiction since the "police action" in Korea was not "war," and under provisions of the Manual for Court Martial as issued by the Judge Advocate General's office, the maximum sentence for insubordination in the course of a police action is five years.

**IN ADDITION** to these arguments, however, the three-city delegation emphasized the jimcrow frameup character of the court martial. They cited the fact that prosecution witnesses were relieved from combat duty to testify against Lt. Gilbert, while important defense witnesses were not allowed to leave the front, even though some were only 200 yards cited the fact that the court itself was lily-white.

"Perhaps the clearest indication

of the prejudice of this trial," declared Smith, "was the statement by the commanding General of the 25th Division, Maj. Gen. William Keane, who said before the trial 'I will not rest until I get a death sentence for Gilbert.'"

Meek, underscoring the jimcrow conditions surrounding the court martial, expressed the opinion that jimcrow U. S. army itself is a violation of the United Nations Charter, and that the UN has responsibility for discipline of troops under its command.

Maj. Gen. Brannon and his aides listened attentively to the arguments, but reserved comment. The 13 members excluded from the hearing "for lack of space" included Morris Greenbaum, CRC lawyer; Dr. Clementina Paolone, New York physician and American Labor Party candidate for Lieut. Governor; the Rev. Dr. Spencer Kennard of the American Baptist Foreign Mission Society; and Mrs. Grace B. Dilworth, of Baltimore's Christ Methodist Church.

## VOTERS TURNING TO ALP Liberal Party Deals IN FIGHT AGAINST GRAFT Anger Its Members

### Ross Exposes Plunder of Schools, Hospitals

By Michael Singer

How much money has been stolen from the New York City taxpayer in the graft and corruption exposed during the mayoralty campaign? One conservative budget analyst said the figure might "reach a billion" but only the most searching investigation could ever fully dig it up.

However, taking the \$160,000,000 higher fare gouge which has been revealed repeatedly as a Democratic-Republican steal in behalf of the transit bondholders and the big realty monopolists, as a common denominator for gauging the overall pilfering of the city treasury, we can safely estimate that crooked politics has cost the public:

- 6 hospitals at \$4 to \$10 million each.
- 13 schools costing between \$2½ to \$5 million apiece.
- 16 health centers with a value of about \$8,000,000.
- 23 playgrounds at approximately \$100,000 each.

It has been charged by American Labor Party candidate for Mayor, Paul L. Ross, that a list of 200 Tammany jobs were used in City Hall to handle patronage demands. About 150 of these flunky posts are salaried at anywhere between \$2,100 to \$3,200 a year and another 50 are in the \$3,500 to \$6,100 a year bracket. This booty for the machine bosses cost the city around \$730,000 which could build a new Harlem Public Market, repair and improve the Harlem Hospital, or construct the much-needed and long-promised Bedford Health Center in the Brooklyn Negro community.

It could go a long way for towels, soaps and toilet facilities in decrepit school buildings and would eliminate much of the starvation-imposed relief cuts by Commissioner Hilliard. Were this money available hundreds of diabetic welfare clients in need of insulin treatment could be accommodated.

The politicians through favored bids to school and hospital suppliers and construction firms, helped reduce the war-imposed cuts in the education and health budgets by additional millions.

**NO CITY OFFICIAL** would offer any private estimate as to what graft and corruption by the two-party machines has cost the public in desperately needed services and improvements. One did admit that "it might have helped gain salary increases for civil service workers."

This is the true picture behind the headlines. The angry, disgusted voter scanning the mayoralty candidates is becoming increasingly aware that the underworld-Wall St. political grip in New York is not merely a conniving deal with big boys paying off more than \$20,000,000 annually to cops and high police officials.

It has been disclosed by Carmine G. De Sapio, Tammany leader, that the "independent" candidate, Acting Mayor Vincent R. Impellitteri, three times begged him for a Supreme Court judgeship for himself as well as two City Court and one Magistrate Court bench appointments for his friends. Impellitteri has accused Tammany of trying to bribe him with a Supreme Court post to withdraw from the race. The acting mayor has charged Tammany-Liberal candidate Ferdinand C. Pecora with being an intimate of Frank Costello, racket king, and of having been told by Generoso Pope, Jr., publisher of *Il Progresso*, and heavy contributor to Pecora, that "Frank Costello told me he's going along with Pecora, so I'm going along with Pecora, too."

**IT HAS BEEN** documented by Rep. Vito Marcantonio that Pecora hailed Mussolini's rape of Ethiopia in 1935 and that Ed Corsi, Republican candidate, was a director of the Mussolini-supported weekly *La Settimana*.

The acting mayor, who for six years was Mayor O'Dwyer's stooge as President of the City Council, is no more a foe of the machine bosses, than either of his two major party opponents. He is the echo of former Tammany leader Frank Sampson, a close aide of Joe (King) Ryan, AFL longshore dictator. With Sampson supplying most of the funds and helping to direct strategy is Walter Shirley, big-time realty speculator.

A strong report that has never been denied is that Republican money is helping finance Impellitteri's campaign to draw votes from Pecora and thereby, elect Corsi.

**THE PRESS** builds up the



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graft angle and the corruption charges of all the three machine candidates but carefully buries the accusations and program of the only clean and un-bossed candidate in the field—Paul L. Ross of the American Labor Party. Ross was Administrative Assistant to Mayor O'Dwyer and quit his \$15,000 post because of the raise in transit fare. Now head of the New York Tenants Council he has been an indefatigable foe of such giant jimcrow landlords as Metropolitan Life and led the struggle to open Stuyvesant Town to Negro tenants.

Two major exposes by Ross as presented to Gov. Dewey during the campaign have already been substantiated. One was the school graft scandal, the other the Hack Bureau tax medallion racket where emblems sold for \$5,000 to \$10,000 each. It was the ALP candidate who championed the demand for exclusion of the anti-semitic Polish fascist Gen. Anders from New York City.

As the campaign draws to a close it becomes irrefutably clear that Pecora-Corsi-Impellitteri are triple evils who are mouthpieces for reaction, war, hysteria and corruption.

The ALP and its mayoralty candidate Ross is the only answer on Nov. 7

By Max Gordon

Independent voters, including Liberal Party supporters, are shocked by the revelations of corruption within the two major parties, as well as exposure of the close ties of leading candidates with big business reaction.

The Liberal Party is squarely in the middle of this stench, with its support of Walter A. Lynch for Governor, Tammany's Ferdinand Pecora for Mayor and pro-Christian Fronter James G. Donovan for Congress in Rep. Vito Marcantonio's 18th congressional district.

Those backing the American Labor Party are alone in a position to say "We told you so," since the ALP candidates are free from the stench of racketeering. These candidates are not grasping politicians but were named because of their records of service in housing, civil rights, peace and labor fields.

The public has learned that office buying is common practice in New York politics. First, the letter written by Lt. Governor Joe R. Hanley to a GOP foe of Governor Dewey told how he had been bought out of the Governorship nomination to make way for Dewey. The fact has also emerged that Winthrop Aldrich, head of the Chase National Bank, told Hanley bluntly that if he insisted on running, there would be no money for the GOP campaign.

Then the public learned how the Democrats sought to get Vincent Impellitteri to quit as candidate for Mayor with offer of a supreme court judgeship, and how Impellitteri held out for three other judgeships for pals.

Still to receive wide publicity is the charge that Lynch has been promised a federal judgeship if he loses the governorship race. This is supposed to be his reward for "sacrificing" his congressional seat to make the run.

**FOR LIBERAL PARTY** voters, however, the revelation that leaders of that outfit were ready to barter their votes for Governor in exchange for a judgeship for a party hack will come as a special shock.

The Dubinsky-Berle crowd which runs the Liberal Party informed the Democrats it would back any Democrat for Governor in exchange for a state supreme court nomination for Matthew Levy in the Bronx. The Liberal Party leaders had even expressed readiness to back reactionary Appeals Court

Judge Albert Conway, first choice of the Democrats, who had supported jimcrow in Stuyvesant Town and had a consistent anti-labor record on the bench.

Now they find themselves backing Rep. Walter A. Lynch, who supported a loan for Franco, voted for the fascist McCarran Act, opposed Rep. Vito Marcantonio's repealer of Taft-Hartley. Lynch assails Dewey as the candidate of the Chase National Bank, which is Rockefeller-controlled, but himself is a director of the Middle States Petroleum Company, closely associated with the Rockefeller Oil Trust.

The Liberal Party is also in the Tammany-Pecora corner, linked with racketeer Frank Costello, in the mayoralty race. And it is allied with Hearst's Mirror and Journal-American in support of Marcantonio's opponent, James Donovan, who also backs Franco Spain, is an ardent advocate of the fascist McCarran measure, and a foe of public welfare measures.

**ALARMED BY VOTER** defections, Liberal Party canvassers are forgetting Lynch and Pecora, and centering attention only on Senatorial candidate Herbert H. Lehman. Here, too, they are in a spot in view of Lehman's silence on renazification and militarizing of western Germany, his public support of the recent demonstration for the Polish anti-Semitic fascist General Anders, his lauding of John Foster Dulles as a leader of American foreign policy.

Impellitteri, seeking to exploit the outraged sentiments of the voters, is posing as an "independent," hoping the voters will overlook the fact that he sought desperately to become the nominee of the Tammany bosses and is, in fact, the front for a gang of racketeers and politicians who want to replace the Tammany crowd.

Voters who want to sweep the city clean of this dirt and muck, who want decency, good housing, more schools, a curb on anti-Semitism and jimcrow, and peace are turning to the American Labor Party as the one party challenging the grafters and political racketeers.



## Scanning the News

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tion has served as a handy device by the Ford family to avoid paying millions in inheritance taxes. . . .

The American Jewish Labor Council has demanded an investigation into the anti-Semitic attack by New York cops and firemen on City Councilman Stanley M. Isaacs. . . . Two hundred mothers picketed a public school in Lower Manhattan to protest the transfer of children to a school 10 blocks away. . . . The Manhattan Tenants Council called upon the city to halt eviction of tenants at Stuyvesant Town. The tenants had participated in the fight to eliminate jimmie in the city-aided housing project. . . .

### Kids Lose Out

A Wayne University student was placed on probation for distributing a leaflet calling for rescinding the death sentence on Lieut. Gilbert, Negro officer in Korea. . . . The Labor Youth League's first national convention will be held in New York over the Thanksgiving weekend. . . . Most girls and boys who enter high school fail to graduate because of the need to contribute to their family's support, it was revealed by Earl J. McGrath, U. S. Commissioner of Education. . . . Federal funds granted to 10 eastern states will not meet the "health and welfare needs of all children," the head of the U. S. Children's Bureau announced. . . .

Winston Churchill added his voice to Acheson's in demanding that France agree to the rebuilding of the German Wehrmacht. . . . A Junker General Staff, headed by Count Von Schwerin, is already drawing up plans for a new Wehrmacht. . . .

After widespread protests, the Indianapolis City Council shelved a bill to register Communists. . . . Ninety-five percent of all rent increase applications in New York State have been granted. . . . The American Communications Association won a 16-cent raise from RCA. . . . The UAW-CIO warned that new restrictions on consumer credit will cut down sales of cars and bring unemployment. . . . The Washington, D. C., Board of Education barred a play from the schools because it had Negro and white actors. . . . The Pittsburgh Grand Jury indicted three Communist leaders on charges of "sedition." . . . The Canadian government finally got around to appointing an arbitrator for last August's nine-day railroad strike. . . .

Mexico City bullfighters struck against the world's largest bullring, the Plaza Mexico. . . .

-By BERNARD BURTON.

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# Reuther Admits Main War Costs Placed on Workers

By George Morris

Walter Reuther, in a letter to War Mobilization Chief W. Stuart Symington, charged that labor leaders were completely ignored when plans were drawn for the new consumer credit regulations that are shutting the small-income people out of the market for homes, cars and other goods.

"Not one in government took the trouble to so much as inform our union, for example, that measures were under consideration that might well deprive hundreds of thousands of our members of their jobs and pay and shut them off from access to homes, cars and other durable goods," Reuther complained.

Ironically, Reuther was one of the committee of nine labor leaders that submitted in August a much-advertised plan to Symington on a permanent labor advisory set-up in support of the war mobilization program. His long, bitterly-worded letter shattered the nonsense, claimed by labor leaders, that they are "partners" in war mobilization planning.

Reuther charges that the Federal Reserve Board, dominated by a "banking mentality," followed the line set forth by Taft in a Senate speech. Taft advised that if a 50 percent down payment would be required on car purchases, sales would drop by 2,000,000 cars a year and 2,000,000 tons of steel would be released for armaments.

THE UAW'S HEAD also cited the results of a survey which indicated that approximately 75 to 80 percent of the small-income people would be shut off the housing market because of the requirement of a \$2,300 down payment on a \$10,000 home.

"The same workers and low-income consumers have already been selected as the artificial victims of most other defense preparations to date," Reuther admitted.

The union leader reiterates his full support of the war drive, which he now admits is bringing forth unwanted fruits. He charges only bad management of the war

program and wants a labor-management conference to talk things over.

Reuther's protest received no serious attention, however, from the hard-headed corporation executives running the war drive. Meanwhile the first reports on the effect of the new credit rules showed New York department store sales slipping to only one percent above last year for the corresponding period. Sales had been running 10 or more percent above last year. Car sales are dropping heavily.

**CORPORATE PROFITS** for the second quarter of 1950 jumped to a new all-time record, topping the first quarter of 1950 by 25 percent, according to the Commerce Department. Profits before taxes reached the staggering figure of \$37,400,000,000 a year. The annual level after taxes is now \$22,200,000,000, also an all-time high.

The Labor Department's cost of living index hiked another half point to 173.8 for the month of September.

The howl raised by Reuther is undoubtedly intended more for the consumption of his million dissatisfied members than for any real practical results. Basically it is the drive towards war, which Reuther demanded for years, that produced the conditions of which he now complains.

Far from being the fruits of "mismanagement" or lack of "coordination" in the war program, as charged by Reuther in his letter, the credit restrictions are PLANNED deliberately to conform to the war drive. With the rise in the cost of living and pressure for raises, the planners want to shut off most wage earners from most durable goods so they could devote their declining purchasing power entirely to covering food, clothing, rent and mounting taxes.

This result is actually a by-product of the general policy of shifting steel and other materials for war and cutting consumer products in many fields. Thus, as Reuther admits, the goods that are available will go mainly to the "well-heeled" not handicapped by credit restrictions.

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# ALP Girds for 11 A. D. Win in Peace Fight

DR. DuBOIS HAILED UPSTATE AS SURVEY SHOWS FRANCES SMITH IN 'STRIKING DISTANCE' OF VICTORY

Dr. W. E. B. DuBois, American Labor Party candidate for United States Senator, climaxed a week of state-wide campaigning with a Madison Square Garden speech in which he asked voters to stand for peace, civil rights and against the armed police state.

The government is prepared to spend for war to dictate the thinking and actions of millions of people, Dr. DuBois told the 16,000 persons attending the Tuesday night ALP rally, "more money than it ever spent for religion, education or social uplift." And those who this madness, he continued, are attacked by "secret police, organized spies and hired informers. His platform, he repeated, was the fight for peace and for civil rights.

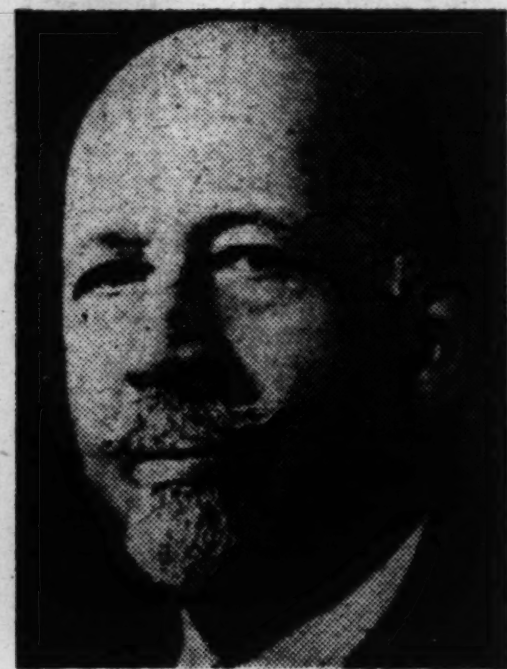
He asked his listeners to remember on Election Day that American money is enslaving the African people, fattening off the South and Latin American workers and "throttling the starved workers of the Near East."

He was joined in the attack on war-mongering and governmental corruption by a group of his running-mates, including Rep. Vito Marcantonio, now fighting for his 18th Congressional District seat against a three-party gang-up.

Dr. DuBois was enthusiastically greeted by crowds in upstate cities last week when he carried his fight for peace and civil rights into the Dewey-Republican strongholds. Albany, Rochester, Syracuse, Elmira, Utica and Binghamton were among the cities he visited together with John McManus, ALP gubernatorial candidate.

Meantime, in Harlem supporters of Frances Smith, ALP

## Honored



DR. W. E. B. DuBOIS will be honored this Sunday afternoon (Oct. 29) with a reception for his more than 50 years contributions to the fight for equality, his present pioneering for peace and his monumental additions to the American cultural stream.

The reception will be held from 4 to 7:30 p.m. in the International Hotel, 6-8 St. Nicholas Place. Sponsors of the reception are Bishop W. J. Walls, Langston Hughes, Dr. Walter Beekman and Alicia Burghart Crawford.

## Leeward Governor Given 'Raspberries'

Leeward Islands' capital city, St. John's, turned out—just about all 10,000 of them—to jeer the new Governor on his arrival.

Whistles, tin cans and other noise-makers were used by the demonstrators who lined the road to the Government House. They continued the "serenade" long after the Governor had entered.

The London government appointed the new Governor after serious disagreements with Earl Baldwin, former Governor who espoused too vigorously the Islanders' grievances against the plantation owners.



Assemblyman candidate in the 11th A. D., continued to work to get out a sufficient vote to elect the first Negro woman to the state legislature.

A sample check of the number of ALP enrollees who re-registered this month, according to party leaders, reveals "that we are in striking distance of victory for Miss Smith." Candidates and organizers agree that Miss Smith's election depends upon the extent of the canvass from now until November 7. A special meeting of campaign workers is scheduled for the Smith Headquarters, 2132 7th Ave., to organize a complete canvass.

Supporters of the candidacy of Francis Smith had a "sound" battle with Pecora campaign truck this week, as the Democratic Party equipment was used to drown out a Smith meeting at 126 St. and Lenox Ave. Six women campaigners for Miss Smith, after waiting for an hour on the Pecora truck to silence his record player, forced



## OPEN HARLEM PROGRESSIVE DANCE STUDIO

Newest addition on the local cultural front is the Harlem Dance and Theatre Workshop in Lafayette Hall, 169 W. 131 St.

Organized at the end of the summer season by a group of Negro and white dance-conscious workers and professionals, the group has now a well-

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"NOBODY MENTIONS CHONGJIN . . . it's just another target—one they can't miss. Most of the time we're seven miles out. All I can see looks like a toy town. There are little puffs of smoke and tiny flashes of flame . . . a thunderous noise. But I can't see what's happening."—From a dispatch of Jim Lucas, aboard the battleship Missouri off Korea, in the Oct. 29, 1950, issue of the World-Telegram-Sun.

"IT'S EASY—ALMOST PATHETICALLY EASY—to pulverize a city like Chongjin when you have the stuff we have. But it must be awful for . . . the 190,000 persons who live—or lived—there. . . .

"A 16-inch, one-ton shell from this battleship obliterates anything it hits. But the men go about their work as if it were target practice. . . .

policemen to order the truck attendants to allow them to open their meeting. The women were well-known fighters for civil rights and won their point. Among them were Misses Mildred McAdory, Bessie Mitchell, sister of one of the Trenton Six, Ramona Garrett and Mrs. Amy Mallard, whose husband was lynched in Georgia two years ago.

A Civil Rights Congress Free Gilbert protest mass meeting will be held this Saturday afternoon (Oct 28) from 4 to 7 p.m. at 126 St. and Lenox Ave.

## EYES ON Africa

W. E. B. DuBOIS' CAMPAIGNING for U.S. Senator on the American Labor Party ticket, climaxed 50 years of study and political activity devoted to the liberation of his people, is both a personal triumph and an indication of the path which the entire Negro nation must take. Starting way back with the Niagara Movement and the NAACP, under false illusions of a "talented tenth" and the influence of Negro intellectuals and businessmen, hoping for help from rich white industrial magnates, Dr. DuBois is now in the leadership of a militant anti-imperialist struggle for peace and freedom, representing the interests of Negro and white working people.

AFTER THE FIRST WORLD WAR, DuBois and other American Negroes, with the help of some French Africans and against the wishes of the Wilson Administration, called together a Pan-African Congress which was held in Paris at the same time as the "Peace" negotiations. Fifty-seven delegates from 15 countries, including 12 representatives of nine African countries, attended this Congress, which called upon the League of Nations to establish a permanent bureau to protect the political and social welfare of the African peoples and insure their development towards self-government.

In his books, Suppression of the Slave Trade (1896), Souls of Black Folk (1903), The Negro (1915), Black Folk, Then and Now (1939), Color and Democracy (1945) and The World and Africa (1947), the African and colonial question plays a prominent role.

CAPPING HIS 50 YEARS OF MILITANT scholarship and organization around the Negro and colonial liberation movement with the role of political actionist, Dr. DuBois summons the oppressed whom he once prodded to posts of world leadership. If is upon the world's majority of "forgotten men," he contends, that leadership can be found for "the muddled world in which we find ourselves." And he has backed up this with the assertion that:

"A new era of power, held and exercised by the working classes the world over, is dawning, and while its eventual form is not clear, its progress cannot be held back by any power of man."

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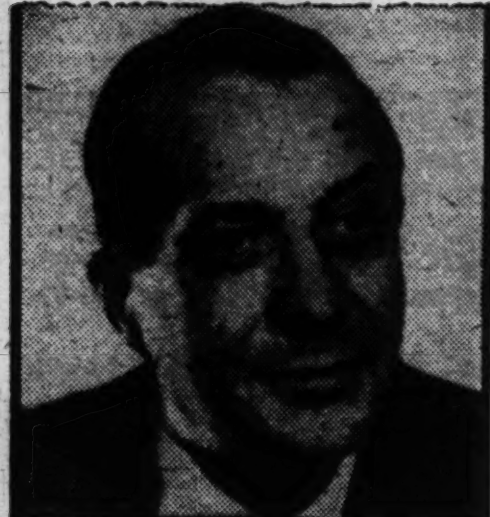


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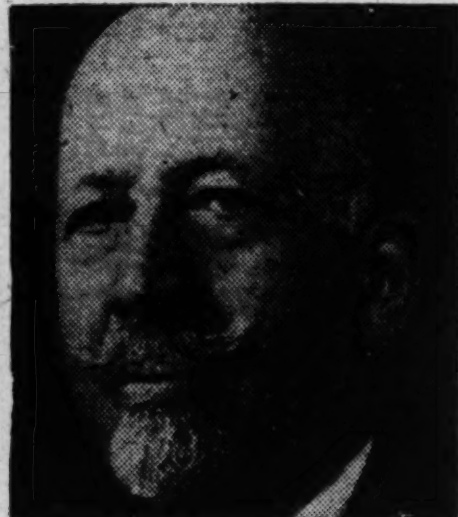
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PASSING THE BUCK

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# Army Weighs Appeals for Doomed Negro Lieut.

The Judge Advocate General's office in Washington, D. C., this week heard two appeals for revocation of the death sentence on 30-year-old Lt. Leon Anthony Gilbert, Jr., Negro officer of York, Pa., with the 24th Infantry Regiment in Korea.

As Lt. Gilbert awaited outcome of the review of his case in an Army stockade in Japan, a delegation of 21 representatives of labor, civic and religious organizations from New York, Baltimore and Philadelphia appealed directly to Maj. Gen. E. M. Brannon, Army Judge Advocate General.

On Tuesday, the following day, Lt. Gilbert's lawyer, Judson Ruch of York, argued in behalf of the young Negro officer before the Army's Judicial Council in the Pentagon. Ruch was accompanied by Mrs. Kay Gilbert, the officer's wife, by representatives of NAACP and the Pittsburgh Courier, Negro weekly.

Following these hearings, the Judicial verdict and sentence of Sept. 6 in Haman, Korea, the case then goes to Army Secretary Frank Pace, Jr., and following his opinion, to President Truman, who has the power to throw out the verdict and sentence and to reinstate Lt. Gilbert.

BOTH GROUPS asked for reversal of the sentence. Attorney Ruch asked for reversal or reduction of sentence, but the three-city delegation, eight of whom were allowed to present their case to Maj. Gen. Brannon, urged "complete reversal" only, and coupled this plea with a request that the Judge Advocate General recommend to President Truman abolition of the segregation of Negro troops and all other forms of discrimination.

Moreover, the three-city delegation asked that after revocation of the death sentence, Lt. Gilbert "should immediately be given to his wife and children to make up as much as possible for the damage already done."

The eight spokesmen of this delegation included Russel Meek, executive secretary of the New York Civil Rights Council; Kurt Louise Herold, administrative sec-



LIEUT. LEON GILBERT, JR.

retary of the Harlem Chapter of the New York CRC; Ferdinand C. Smith of the Harlem Trade Union Council. They asserted that the "prejudiced death sentence" against Lt. Gilbert had made his wife seriously ill and endangered the life of their unborn child.

Both the three-city delegation and Lt. Gilbert's lawyer based their appeal on these three arguments: (1) Lt. Gilbert did not re-

ceive a fair trial; (2) he was suffering from severe shock and emotional disturbance at the time of his alleged refusal to obey an order to advance in the face of enemy fire; (3) the court martial lacked jurisdiction since the "police action" in Korea was not "war," and under provisions of the Manual for Court Martial as issued by the Judge Advocate General's office, the maximum sentence for insubordination in the course of a police action is five years.

IN ADDITION to these arguments, however, the three-city delegation emphasized the jimcrow frameup character of the court martial. They cited the fact that prosecution witnesses were relieved from combat duty to testify against Lt. Gilbert, while important defense witnesses were not allowed to leave the front, even though some were only 200 yards cited the fact that the court itself was lily-white.

"Perhaps the clearest indication

of the prejudice of this trial," declared Smith, "was the statement by the commanding General of the 25th Division, Maj. Gen. William Keane, who said before the trial 'I will not rest until I get a death sentence for Gilbert.'"

Meek, underscoring the jimcrow conditions surrounding the court martial, expressed the opinion that jimcrow U. S. army itself is a violation of the United Nations Charter, and that the UN has responsibility for discipline of troops under its command.

Maj. Gen. Brannon and his aides listened attentively to the arguments, but reserved comment. The 13 members excluded from the hearing "for lack of space" included Morris Greenbaum, CRC lawyer; Dr. Clementina Paolone, New York physician and American Labor Party candidate for Lieut. Governor; the Rev. Dr. Spencer Kennard of the American Baptist Foreign Mission Society; and Mrs. Grace B. Dilworth, of Baltimore's Christ Methodist Church.

## VOTERS TURNING TO ALP Liberal Party Deals IN FIGHT AGAINST GRAFT Anger Its Members

### Ross Exposes Plunder of Schools, Hospitals

By Michael Singer

How much money has been stolen from the New York City taxpayer in the graft and corruption exposed during the mayoralty campaign? One conservative budget analyst said the figure might "reach a billion" but only the most searching investigation could ever fully dig it up.

However, taking the \$160,000,000 higher fare gouge which has been revealed repeatedly as a Democratic-Republican steal in behalf of the transit bondholders and the big realty monopolists, as a common denominator for gauging the overall pilfering of the city treasury, we can safely estimate that crooked politics has cost the public:

- 6 hospitals at \$4 to \$10 million each.
- 13 schools costing between \$2½ to \$5 million apiece.
- 16 health centers with a value of about \$8,000,000.
- 23 playgrounds at approximately \$100,000 each.

It has been charged by American Labor Party candidate for Mayor, Paul L. Ross, that a list of 200 Tammany jobs were used in City Hall to handle patronage demands. About 150 of these flunky posts are salaried at anywhere between \$2,100 to \$3,200 a year and another 50 are in the \$3,500 to \$6,100 a year bracket. This booty for the machine bosses cost the city around \$730,000 which could build a new Harlem Public Market, repair and improve the Harlem Hospital, or construct the much-needed and long-promised Bedford Health Center in the Brooklyn Negro community.

It could go a long way for towels, soaps and toilet facilities in decrepit school buildings and would eliminate much of the starvation-imposed relief cuts by Commissioner Hilliard. Were this money available hundreds of diabetic welfare clients in need of insulin treatment could be accommodated.

The politicians through favored bids to school and hospital suppliers and construction firms, helped reduce the war-imposed cuts in the education and health budgets by additional millions.

NO CITY OFFICIAL would offer any private estimate as to what graft and corruption by the two-party machines has cost the public in desperately needed services and improvements. One did admit that "it might have helped gain salary increases for civil service workers."

This is the true picture behind the headlines. The angry, disgusted voter scanning the mayoralty candidates is becoming increasingly aware that the underworld-Wall St. political grip in New York is not merely a conniving deal with big boys paying off more than \$20,000,000 annually to cops and high police officials.

It has been disclosed by Carmine G. De Sapio, Tammany leader, that the "independent" candidate, Acting Mayor Vincent R. Impellitteri, three times begged him for a Supreme Court judgeship for himself as well as two City Court and one Magistrate Court bench appointments for his friends. Impellitteri has accused Tammany of trying to bribe him with a Supreme Court post to withdraw from the race. The acting mayor has charged Tammany-Liberal candidate Ferdinand C. Pecora with being an intimate of Frank Costello, racket king, and of having been told by Generoso Pope, Jr., publisher of 11 Progresso, and heavy contributor to Pecora, that "Frank Costello told me he's going along with Pecora, so I'm going along with Pecora, too."

IT HAS BEEN documented by Rep. Vito Marcantonio that Pecora hailed Mussolini's rape of Ethiopia in 1935 and that Ed Corsi, Republican candidate, was a director of the Mussolini-supported weekly *La Settimana*.

The acting mayor, who for six years was Mayor O'Dwyer's stooge as President of the City Council, is no more a foe of the machine bosses, than either of his two major party opponents. He is the echo of former Tammany leader Frank Sampson, a close aide of Joe (King) Ryan, AFL longshore dictator. With Sampson supplying most of the funds and helping to direct strategy is Walter Shirley, big-time realty speculator.

A strong report that has never been denied is that Republican money is helping finance Impellitteri's campaign to draw votes from Pecora and thereby, elect Corsi.

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graft angle and the corruption charges of all the three machine candidates but carefully buries the accusations and program of the only clean and un-bossed candidate in the field—Paul L. Ross of the American Labor Party. Ross was Administrative Assistant to Mayor O'Dwyer and quit his \$15,000 post because of the raise in transit fare.

Now head of the New York Tenants Council he has been an indefatigable foe of such giant jimcrow landlords as Metropolitan Life and led the struggle to open Stuyvesant Town to Negro tenants.

Two major exposes by Ross as presented to Gov. Dewey during the campaign have already been substantiated. One was the school graft scandal, the other the Hack Bureau tax medallion racket where emblems sold for \$5,000 to \$10,000 each. It was the ALP candidate who championed the demand for exclusion of the anti-semitic Polish fascist Gen. Anders from New York City.

As the campaign draws to a close it becomes irrefutably clear that Pecora-Corsi-Impellitteri are triple evils who are mouthpieces for reaction, war, hysteria and corruption.

By Max Gordon

Independent voters, including Liberal Party supporters, are shocked by the revelations of corruption within the two major parties, as well as exposure of the close ties of leading candidates with big business reaction.

The Liberal Party is squarely in the middle of this stench, with its support of Walter A. Lynch for Governor, Tammany's Ferdinand Pecora for Mayor and pro-Christian Frontier James G. Donovan for Congress in Rep. Vito Marcantonio's 18th congressional district.

Those backing the American Labor Party are alone in a position to say "We told you so," since the ALP candidates are free from the stench of racketeering. These candidates are not grasping politicians but were named because of their records of service in housing, civil rights, peace and labor fields.

The public has learned that office buying is common practice in New York politics. First, the letter written by Lt. Governor Joe R. Hanley to a GOP foe of Governor Dewey told how he had been bought out of the Governorship nomination to make way for Dewey. The fact has also emerged that Winthrop Aldrich, head of the Chase National Bank, told Hanley bluntly that if he insisted on running, there would be no money for the GOP campaign.

Then the public learned how the Democrats sought to get Vincent Impellitteri to quit as candidate for Mayor with offer of a supreme court judgeship, and how Impellitteri held out for three other judgeships for pals.

Still to receive wide publicity is the charge that Lynch has been promised a federal judgeship if he loses the governorship race. This is supposed to be his reward for "sacrificing" his congressional seat to make the run.

FOR LIBERAL PARTY voters, however, the revelation that leaders of that outfit were ready to barter their votes for Governor in exchange for a judgeship for a party hack will come as a special shock.

The Dubinsky-Berle crowd which runs the Liberal Party informed the Democrats it would back any Democrat for Governor in exchange for a state supreme court nomination for Matthew Levy in the Bronx. The Liberal Party leaders had even expressed readiness to back reactionary Appeals Court

Judge Albert Conway, first choice of the Democrats, who had supported jimcrow in Stuyvesant Town and had a consistent anti-labor record on the bench.

Now they find themselves backing Rep. Walter A. Lynch, who supported a loan for Franco, voted for the fascist McCarran Act, opposed Rep. Vito Marcantonio's repealer of Taft-Hartley. Lynch as-sails Dewey as the candidate of the Chase National Bank, which is Rockefeller-controlled, but himself is a director of the Middle States Petroleum Company, closely associated with the Rockefeller Oil Trust.

The Liberal Party is also in the Tammany-Pecora corner, linked with racketeer Frank Costello, in the mayoralty race. And it is allied with Hearst's Mirror and Journal-American in support of Marcantonio's opponent, James Donovan, who also backs Franco Spain, is an ardent advocate of the fascist Mac-Carran measure, and a foe of public welfare measures.

ALARMED BY VOTER defections, Liberal Party canvassers are forgetting Lynch and Pecora, and centering attention only on Senatorial candidate Herbert H. Lehman. Here, too, they are in a spot in view of Lehman's silence on renazification and militarizing of western Germany, his public support of the recent demonstration for the Polish anti-Semitic fascist General Anders, his lauding of John Foster Dulles as a leader of American foreign policy.

Impellitteri, seeking to exploit the outraged sentiments of the voters, is posing as an "independent," hoping the voters will overlook the fact that he sought desperately to become the nominee of the Tammany bosses and is, in fact, the front for a gang of racketeers and politicians who want to replace the Tammany crowd.

Voters who want to sweep the city clean of this dirt and muck, who want decency, good housing, more schools, a curb on anti-Semitism and jimcrow, and peace are turning to the American Labor Party as the one party challenging the grafters and political racketeers.



# GANGLAND MUSCLES IN ON NATIONAL POLITICS

By Carl Hirsch

CHICAGO.

**CHICAGO.**—Organized crime turns a big wheel in the Chicago political machine and in the politics of many other cities. But the crime syndicate's operations are no longer merely local. The mob has moved in on national politics in a big way. And it is there for keeps—or as long as the two corrupt major parties maintain their monopoly on political power in America. The strength of the crime axis has grown enormously in the last half-dozen years. These are some of the centers of gangland's control:

The Ricca - Fischetti - Accardo gang in Chicago, successors to Al Capone; the Costello - Erickson combine in New York City; the Cohen-Dragna mob in Los Angeles; the Johnston-Russell interests in Florida; the Jaben-Gizzo successors to the late Charles Binaggio in Kansas City; the Costello-Kastel crowd in New Orleans; the Molasky organization in St. Louis. And similar groups in Philadelphia, Boston, Detroit, Cleveland and San Francisco.

THIS is part of one network that handles the \$10 billion gambling industry and other lucrative rackets, liquor, narcotics and prostitution. It produces votes through its vast wealth, its own system of patronage, its control of certain

unions and "protective" associations and its ability to steal elections.

The crime syndicate has graduated from merely controlling local officials, prosecutors, judges and police.

Recent disclosures show that the underworld was instrumental in electing at least two governors. And recent events in Washington reveal that men high in the Truman administration are obligated to gangland and act under its orders.

TODAY, the reputed chieftain of the national crime syndicate, Paul Ricca, is out of jail by the grace of the Truman administration.

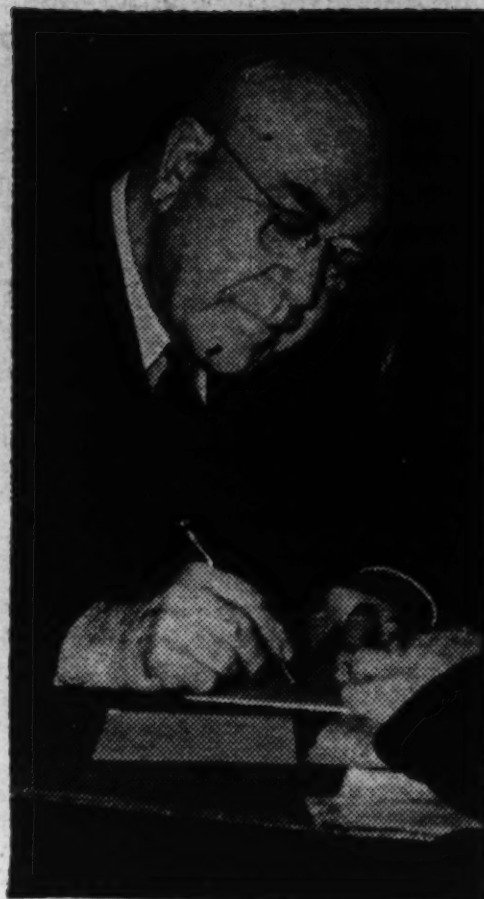
Ricca, with the three other notorious Capone top hoodlums,

were released from federal prison under strange circumstances after serving four years of a 10-year sentence for extorting a million dollars from the movie industry.

They were released at the insistence of two men high in Democratic politics. One was Maury Hughes, a Texas lawyer, a life-long friend of Supreme Court Justice Tom Clark, a former Texas Democratic state chairman, a leader of the Texas delegation to the 1944 Democratic convention in Chicago which nominated Harry Truman.

FOR A fee of \$15,000, Hughes went to see his friend, Tom Clark, at that time U. S. Attorney General.

Clark quashed a second count in (Continued on Page 6)



THOMAS J. PENDERGAST  
Missouri Gang



THE LATE MAYOR KELLY  
Crime and Politics



The body of Kansas City mobster Charles Gargotta lies sprawled on the floor of the north side political club where he and Charles Binaggio were slain last April 6. The portrait of Truman looks down on the slain man.

## 20 Days Left to Save Martinsville Seven

### POINT OF ORDER

By ALAN MAX

#### OH, THE COST!

Big business shuddered when W. Averell Harriman, White House aide, warned that our foreign policy would prove very costly. Everybody knows how much will be taken out of the pockets of the people, but few realize the sacrifices big business is already making.

One company has had to hire 10 more accountants to figure out how to avoid taxes on millions of dollars of war profits.

A big executive had to be forcibly restrained from jumping out of a window last week when he learned how many extra armored cars would be needed to carry his money to the bank.

The entire board of directors of a food company is in a state of nervous exhaustion from changing their prices every half hour.

Incidentally, Mr. Harriman, a director of a dozen of the country's biggest corporations, is making millions in war profits. The question still to be cleared up in the Truman-Harriman relationship is who is special assistant to whom.

RICHMOND, Va.—The Citizens Committee for Defense of the Martinsville Seven this week renewed their plea for immediate mass protests of the frameup conviction and death sentence of the seven Negro youths. The seven are scheduled to die in two groups on Nov. 17 and Nov. 20. With only 20 and 23 days left to save the young man, the Committee called on all organizations and individuals who "believe in real justice" to wire or write their appeals to Virginia's Gov. Battle.

The seven men were convicted and sentenced in a series of rapid trials by all-white juries. They were charged with rape of a young white woman, who has disappeared since the conviction.

## Eyes of City On Marc's Race

By Louise Mitchell

FEW PERSONS at the vast Madison Square Garden American Labor Party meeting Tuesday night knew that Rep. Vito Marcantonio, who made the fighting keynote address close to midnight, had spent that whole day helping 11 evicted Puerto Rican families get back into their homes.

Highly untypical of politicians, the fiery ALP leader never mentioned it in his address to the meeting. He considered it part of a day's work, in or out of an election year.

Typical of the usual politician, James G. Donovan, three-party gang-up candidate against Marcantonio, rushed to 123 E. 108th St., not to help the tenants, but to have his picture taken on the spot by tabloid photographers.

The shouts of thousands thundered through the street when Marcantonio, after personally locating a city magistrate, returned to the scene with a show cause order to halt the eviction.

The campaign for a record peace vote in New York City was given considerable momentum at the enthusiastic rally. Speakers called on the audience to "go out and fight" for a big vote against Big Business' panhandling of political jobs.

Emphasizing the "unprecedented opportunities" for the heaviest ALP vote in history, speakers stressed the responsibility of returning to Congress the people's only true representative. Confident of victory, Marcantonio rallied his listeners with the call, "Give me the army and I will give you another victory for peace, security and freedom."



MARCANTONIO

DESPITE THE THREE-PARTY GANG-UP, Marcantonio canvassers and street meetings are receiving excellent response. His record for better housing, schools, against high prices and needless wars is well known to his constituents.

In his speech at the rally, Marcantonio charged that "this is a campaign of political panhandlers, Mussolini worshippers and lovers of Franco."

He listed the record of Edward Corsi, GOP choice for Mayor, in support of Mussolini. He charged Acting Mayor Vincent Impellitteri, self-appointed choice of the Experience Party, with okaying former Mayor O'Dwyer's cut of relief, doubling of the subway fare and raising his own salary.

"The really horrible deal, however," he added, "was that of the Liberal Party in obtaining the judgeship of Matthew Levy. I charge that Alex Rose refused to go along with the Tammany candidate until the Liberal Party was given a judgeship. . . . This whole matter should be sifted by the Grand Jury."

HE ACCUSED WINTHROP ALDRICH, director of the Chase National Bank of "personally" threatening Lt. Gov. Joe R. Hanley and his managers "that there would be no money forthcoming for the Republican campaign unless Hanley stepped aside for Dewey."

"This constitutes the purchase of a nomination. I ask the Grand Jury to probe it."

"The ALP," said Marcantonio, "is the only party that stands as an independent force for real honesty against the corruption of the three other parties."



# A Thousand Women Came for Peace

## Guards Barred Them from Entering UN But Women Continue Fight for Peace

If it's headlines one goes by, it was all Truman at the United Nations Day celebration at Flushing Meadows this week. But if it's peace and the fight for it that counts, as it should, then the biggest news of the UN Day festivities was not Truman, but the 1,000-strong delegation of the American Women for Peace.

For the Truman headlines were a one-day propaganda blast, and after they were forgotten all that remained was another empty piece of demagoguery.

But 1,000 hard-working housewives and mothers, coming to the United Nations from eight states and the District of Columbia, signified not only hard work and personal sacrifice, but the power of the word "Peace" to move the thousands upon thousands of other women whose peace organizations were represented by this delegation.

Truman spoke of peace. The 1,000 American wives and mothers

were there because they believe in peace because they fight for peace.

They called for outlawry of all weapons of mass destruction, including the A-bomb. They urged negotiation of international issues among the great powers through the UN before war, and not after it. They asked Mrs. Eleanor Roosevelt to join the demand to exonerate Lt. Leon Gilbert, court-martialed Negro officer. And they queried, by letter, U.S., Soviet, British, French and Indian spokesmen on their respective governments' readiness to enter peace talks and to resolve the Korean war in a manner expressing the Korean people's will and involving the nations of Asia.

THE WOMEN FOR PEACE

were not permitted beyond the UN gates. At Flushing Meadows, the bars went down only for the big shots come to do Truman honor. At Lake Success, the UN was a ghost city. On the fifth anniversary of the UN's founding, the world organization was shut down. And, as Dr. Clementina J. Paolone, chairman of the Women for Peace, told the delegation: "I am amazed that on UN Day, of all days, the delegations of all the nations of the UN are not here to see and to be seen by the people."

But if the diplomats were not there, the representatives of the women of America who want, and who fight for peace, were there.

A few days earlier a delegation of women from Manhattan's Chelsea area was received by Jacob Malik, Soviet representative to the UN. Malik reaffirmed his government's pledge that "it would never be the first to drop the atom bomb."

## List Grows of Americans Backing 2nd World Peace Congress

News sponsors and new delegates to the Second World Peace Congress in Sheffield, England, are coming in daily to the offices of the American Sponsoring Committee for representation at the world parley.

Already 17 representative Americans are listed as delegates to the Congress, which takes place Nov. 13-19, and the American Sponsoring Committee expects that a total of at least 50 will attend, according to Rev. Robert M. Muir, acting secretary.

Some 8,500 letters to prominent Americans have been sent out by the Committee. Among the newly announced American sponsors of the Peace Congress are Dr. Linus Pauling, atomic physicist of the University of California, Rev. Mark Dawber, Prof. Fleming James, Rt. Rev. Edward L. Parsons, retired Bishop of San Francisco, Bishop Walter Mitchell and Rev. Willard Uphaus, Religion and Labor Foundation. Earlier sponsors included Robert Morss Lovett,

former Governor of Virgin Islands, Dr. E. Franklin Frazier, Howard University, the Rt. Rev. John Moore Walker, Protestant Episcopal Bishop of Atlanta.

Emphasizing the American Sponsoring Committee's determination to obtain an American delegation representing all points of view and united in the common desire for peace, Prof. Joseph Fletcher, of the Cambridge Theological School, declared in announcing the committee's formation:

"The Second World Peace Congress presents a challenge to the American people to accept an invitation to meet and exchange ideas with people from all over the world and with all sorts of viewpoints, in a search for the road to world peace."

# Truman Talks Peace A-Bomb Proposal That Truman Ducked To Mask War Aims

By Joseph Starobin

It could have been the most sensational news of the mid-century year — that President Truman had announced his willingness to accept Andrei Vishinsky's proposal for a Big Five Peace Pact. And the United Nations birthday last Tuesday at Flushing Meadows would have been the ideal and dramatic moment for it. Just imagine: Truman shaking hands on a Peace Pact decision with the Soviet Foreign Minister, as the bulbs flashed, and the television cameras wheeled around, and the newspapermen rushing wildly for their typewriters, as millions throughout the world signed with relief. No more war! Peace at last!

But it didn't happen. And judging from Mr. Truman's UN address, his Administration wants the cheap and easy way of promising peace, but not any concrete measures to bring it about.

IT DIDN'T HAPPEN—although only one day before, the chief Soviet delegate outlined his UN resolution which would call on the great powers to conclude a Peace Pact and reduce their arms, of all types, by one-third in 1950-51.

Vishinsky said he was ready to meet the western powers half-way, and went further in describing how the Soviet plan for atomic energy controls would involve no veto in the controlling body, no restrictions on inspection of any atomic developments anywhere.

The key idea in Truman's speech was that no genuine negotiations with the Soviet Union are in the cards. The accent is on break-neck rearmament under the screen of fine words about new disarmament commissions and making the UN work.

THE POINT IS that a UN majority doesn't go for the hell-and-leather language of American policy: only last Saturday, a Syria-Iraq resolution for Big Five consultations was passed unanimously. Moreover, Vishinsky's calm and constructive manner has made its impression not only on the UN but throughout the world. And this forces some variations on the basic theme of imperialist policy. Besides, there's an election coming along.

Thus, while the State Department is talking peace as never before in recent years, its basic policy continues: preparations for turning the world into an armed camp, girdled by military bases and turning on the murderous fire of an ever-ready air force on any people that wants to run its own affairs, as in Korea.

ONE DAY AFTER Truman's speech, Gordon Dean, of the U.S. Atomic Energy Commission, made it plain that atom bombs are being built, bigger and faster than ever.

But if the essence of Truman policy has not changed, at least it's true that the atmosphere is improved. The war tension is slightly relieved, and even the demagogic talk of peace and the unanimous votes for resolutions on Big Five consultations have a real value and importance.

For they give courage to the fighters for peace. And they give openings for every movement which can insist upon the fulfillment of the peace promises. The way is wide open, in our country, as preparations for the Second World Peace Congress go forward, to unite much wider sections of all honest supporters of peace in a vast movement to bring about that Big Five Peace Pact, which Truman rejected in his UN day talk.

Soviet delegate Vishinsky told the UN the Soviet Union wants a plan for worldwide atomic inspection based on majority vote, without veto power. He said (Oct. 23, 1950, United Nations):

"The Soviet atomic proposal states that inspection under the control of the international control body will carry out special investigation WHENEVER and WHEREVER there are suspicions with respect to violation of the convention prohibiting atomic weapons. . . . If the inter-

national control body notes the existence of suspicion . . . or even without any motive at all but just because it feels like it . . . the commission can adopt a decision BY A SIMPLE MAJORITY, and with NO STATE HAVING THE RIGHT TO IMPOSE THE VETO, and it could carry out an investigation." (N. Y. Times, Oct. 24, p. 8).

Twenty-four hours later, in his speech to the UN, Truman called for a "foolproof" plan. He did not mention Vishinsky's proposal.

## Peace Fight to Keynote CP National Convention

The 15th national convention of the Communist Party will convene in New York City on Dec. 15-16-17, William Z. Foster, national chairman, and Gus Hall, national secretary, announced this week.

Plans for the convention were made at the party's Sept. 28 national committee meeting and will be carried out in line with the party's constitution, which provides national conventions, shall be held every two years.

"Pre-convention discussion is hereby opened," declared the convention call. "The pre-convention shall be based on the draft resolution presented by the national committee. This basic document shall be published shortly in the first issue of the pre-convention

discussion bulletin."

"The central, all-decisive task in the proceedings of the convention will be the fight for peace," Foster and Hall declared. "Rejecting the Wall Street-inspired thesis that world war is inevitable, the convention will resolutely face the task of mobilizing the widest possible unity of all people of good will to save the peace, to defeat Wall Street's imperialist drive to enslave the world, to halt the war in Korea, to prevent its spread to China and other parts of the Far East."

High on the list of problems to be dealt with, said the convention call, is the "alarming growth of violence and police-state repression symbolized by the enactment of the fascist McCarran Law." The convention, the call continued, will take steps to:

- Rally the people to bar the further advance of fascism.
- Save the Bill of Rights and restore constitutional liberties.
- Nullify and repeal the McCarran Act, the Smith Act, the Taft-Hartley Law.
- Stop the savage attacks on the Negro people and the nation itself.

All amendments to the draft political resolution and Party Constitution, as well as presentation of other resolutions or motions, the convention call stated, shall be submitted to the national convention by state conventions and delegates.

## Scanning the News

### Atomic Power

The Soviet Union has found the means of transforming atomic energy into heat and electrical power. . . . Soviet scientist, Prof. V. Golubtsov, said U. S. concentration on military application of atomic energy has resulted in "pitiful" progress on peaceful uses. . . . Britain's atomic scientists were advised that germ warfare can cause even more havoc than A-bombs. . . . U. S. public and private debt, incurred mainly for war preparations, reached the staggering total of \$442,000,000,000 on Dec. 31, 1949. It's higher now. . . . The Soviet five-year plan ran ahead of schedule for the third quarter of 1950. Steel production is expected to be 50 percent higher than pre-war levels by Jan. 1, 1950. . . . Grain warehouses in China are bulging while prices to urban residents are being reduced and the peasants are getting greater returns than ever before. . . .

The Tito clique has stepped up its terror campaign as the answer to the unrest caused by near-starvation. . . . Britain's version of "Socialism" is also placing new burdens on the common people. Latest action was a rise in fares to provide extra dividends for private bondholders in the nationalized transport system. . . . British small business has also been getting it in the neck with the rate of bankruptcies rising 50 percent above the pre-war annual average. . . . A delegation of Swedish foundry workers praised the progress they found in the Soviet Union. They were especially struck with the good working conditions. . . .

Philippine President Quirino suspended the right to bail after admitting that the country was in a state of near-revolt against his corrupt government. . . . Another corrupt puppet

ruler, Bao Dai of Indo-China, was pledged "reaffirmed American support." . . . Poland's Dr. Katz-Suchy called upon the UN to help develop the world's backward areas, with no political strings attached. . . .

The Guatemalan leftwing weekly, Octubre, resumed publication after a previous ban was revoked. . . . Five hundred thousand Mexicans signed the Stockholm Peace Appeal to outlaw atomic warfare. . . . Europe is witnessing an unusual athletic event as three relay teams speed across the continent, carrying a message of peace. The teams are en route to the Second World Peace Congress, which opens in Sheffield, England, Nov. 13. . . .

### Harris Freed, Isaacs Attacked

The October issue of the Catholic Worker urged aid to Communists resisting the McCarran Law. . . . The Screen Directors Guild voted down a proposal requiring members to sign non-Communist oaths. . . . Indiana Judge Norval K. Harris, who headed a committee to defend the Communist "11," was found not guilty of framedup charges of fraud. . . . One thousand Negro and white workers in Winston-Salem, N. C., met and mapped a fight to free Clyde Brown, a Negro sentenced to death on a framed charge of rape. . . . A Brooklyn Negro, Herbert Hart, was freed after having been arrested for hitting back at a group of hoodlums who sought to deface a synagogue in which Hart was the caretaker. . . . New disclosures have been made of widespread juncrow practices in the Veterans Administration. . . . A strong mass movement in Gary, Ind., has brought a local FEPC ordinance near the final stage for passage. . . .

Seven thousand UE members in New Jersey and New York received a 10-cent hourly wage increase. . . . General Electric hauled in record profits of \$112,919,454 for the first nine months of 1950. . . . The recently created Ford Founda-

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## Challenge the Grafters!

THE DEEPER YOU DIG into the mess of the two old parties and their tie-up with graft the worse the smell gets.

From coast to coast, the voters see revelations that turn their stomachs concerning the tie-up between the pro-war political machines and organized crime and graft. This is only natural.

The GOP and the Democratic Party are tied to the trusts, to the bankers, and the profiteers.

Making profit and protecting profit is their main aim in life.

The racketeers have the same goals. They are after the big dough. They themselves boast that they are merely in business "just like anyone else."

The organized graft in every major American city loots the people of money needed for schools, housing, hospitals and social welfare.

No major politician in Washington can hope for a political career unless he plays ball with some big corporation or some crime syndicate having "protection."

That goes for every old party Congressman, Senator, on up to the highest offices in the land.

After all, the graft of the municipalities is peanuts compared to the "take" that is going to the war profiteers and the holders of armaments contracts!

THE INDEPENDENT VOTER is given NO REAL CHOICE anywhere in the national elections—except in such places as New York or California where either American Labor or Progressive Party candidates are in the field. These are parties the bosses cannot buy because they are peace parties and social progress parties.

America needs such parties and such candidates as never before, if the people are to have A REAL CHOICE between graft and social progress, between war and peace.

The election of candidates like Marcantonio, DuBois, McManus and Paul Ross in New York would mean a tremendous blow to the grafters and war-mongers!

The "protest vote" can only find expression in the ALP and Progressive Party candidates.

Don't waste your vote. Vote for the un-bossed candidates of the American Labor Party or other independent tickets in your state. And let us learn the lesson of independent political action, challenging both the old party swindlers who are one gang hiding under different labels.

## 'Fool-Proof' Peace? — Here!

A FOOL-PROOF PLAN for banning the A-bomb is what President Truman says he wants. Otherwise we have "no choice" but to rush ahead to bigger and bigger armies, and more and more A-bombs, he argues.

Every country wants a fool proof plan.

After all, the Soviet Union wants it as much as we do. We are the nation that brags we have "atomic superiority," aren't we? We are the nation that has armies and bases thousands of miles from home, right close to the Soviet Union.

Why then did Truman carefully ignore the practical plan for A-bomb control which Soviet delegate Vishinsky offered before the UN just 24 hours before Truman spoke?

The Soviet plan says:

1. Outlaw all atomic weapons.
2. Set up a UN commission to enforce the ban.
3. Let this commission have the right to GO ANYWHERE at ANY TIME whenever it suspects violations of the A-bomb ban.
4. Let this commission vote BY MAJORITY without any nation having the RIGHT TO VETO ANY INSPECTION ANYWHERE.

What conceivable objection could we have to such a plan?

It would rescue us from fear and the armaments race. It would be a tremendous step toward a prolonged peace. Our children could grow up in security and peace. If Washington has criticism or amendment it should state them openly; but let us sit down at the table now before the war-makers shove us over the cliff.

An atomic war would not spare our own cities or streets, the scientists tell us. We must avert this disaster!

# Justice Dep't Launches Raids on Foreign-Born

## 107 FILE INJUNCTION AGAINST McCARRAN LAW ENFORCEMENT

As the government moved to enforce the McCarran-Wood police state law, a movement throughout the country of broad proportion was launched to nullify and repeal the monstrous measure. An injunction to restrain U.S. Attorney General J. Howard McGrath and other government agents from enforcing the law has been asked for in the Federal District Court in Washington, D. C., by 107 citizens in 37 states.

The court action got underway at the time that McGrath started his deportation dragnet of 86 progressive non-citizens throughout the country, including trade unionists and newspaper editors, many of whom had been released on bail earlier.

Many of the victims were arrested in pre-dawn raids reminiscent of Gestapo terror. A petition for a writ of habeas corpus to restrain McGrath from re-arresting the non-citizens and holding them without bail is scheduled to be heard in Federal Court.

Meanwhile President Truman named five members to the board which will determine which organizations must register as "Communist Action" or "Communist front" groups under the law.

THE AFL AND CIO were among hundreds of organizations and prominent individuals supporting an appeal sent to 25,000 Americans by three Harvard professors urging that repeal of the law be "the first item of business for the next Congress."

Zechariah Chafee, Jr., prominent constitutional lawyer; Arthur M. Schlesinger, Sr., historian, and Archibald MacLeish, poet, signed the appeal which was immediately supported by the two labor organizations, Americans for Democratic Action and the Harvard Liberal Union.

Ironically, one of the members



J. HOWARD McGRATH  
Pre-Dawn Raids

of the "control" board appointed by the President is Charles M. LaFollette, former Republican Congressman from Indiana and now executive director of the Americans for Democratic Action which is pledged to fight for the law's repeal. Other members include Seth W. Richardson, a Republican and now chairman of the Federal "Loyalty" Review Board, who is chairman of the "Control" board; David Coddaira, a Republican and Boston attorney; Peter Campbell Brown, a Democrat and special assistant to the Attorney General, and Dr. Kathryn McHale, a Democrat and former general director of the American Association of University Women. All posts pay \$12,500 a year.

THE MOTION for the injunction in the Federal Court charges that the law, under which Communists and other citizens would be required to register, "violates the Constitution of the United States and the rights of the American people." The month deadline provided in the law for registration has already passed with not one person registering.

Ralph E. Powe, New York Negro attorney, and I. Duke Avnet, Baltimore lawyer, presented the motion to the Federal Court. Powe explained the suit was a civil action "involving the basic interests of the American people."

Among those bringing the court action were Kearly Larson, Seattle, president of the International Woodworkers of America; Julius Zupan, New York, recording secretary of Local 905, International Brotherhood of Painters; William L. Patterson, officer of the Civil Rights Congress; Annie Braden, Louisville, Ky., chairman of the Louisville Women for Peace; Harold Buchman, executive secretary of the Progressive Party of Maryland; Jay Keelan, of Los Angeles, officer of the World Peace Circle, and Elizabeth Curley Flynn, of the Communist Party.

The repeal appeal entitled "The 1950 Civil Liberties Appeal" was called by a spokesman the "first concerted drive for the repeal of the McCarran law." Initiative for the drive was described as the "spontaneous" indignation of many prominent citizens in the Boston area and "not of Harvard alone."

# BUILD FREEDOM'S PRESS

Dear Reader:

America has 1,798 daily newspapers that are owned by employers, by members of the National Association of Manufacturers, by Big Business. Their strong opponents are the two newspapers that are supported and kept alive by the working-class: the Daily Worker and The Worker.

Throughout their history, these two papers not only recorded news; they helped to organize and lead struggles for our people's interests that have made news.

Thumb through the history of modern times and you will see it. Scottsboro, Sacco-Vanzetti, the drive to organize the huge open-shop industries, the fight for democracy, for peace, hundreds of other issues, were not merely recorded in the columns of these papers. The Daily Worker and The Worker crusaded on these issues, helped organize the struggles in their behalf.

This is so because ours is a different kind of newspaper. Not only does it print the news, it draws the necessary lessons from events and consequently is a powerful factor in the fights the people wage to help themselves, to help our country.

The overwhelming majority of newspapers will not do that. The brand of the "kept press" of Big Business is on them. The same men of Wall Street who own the big industries and who sweat the workers for profits also own the big newspaper industry.

Munsey, who founded the New York Sun, now swallowed up by the Scripps-Howard New York World-Telegram once put it bluntly: "A newspaper" he said, "is an eight percent investment." That was his judgment on the press. But he didn't tell the whole story.

The capitalist newspaper represents the interests of the ruling class. Not yours. Which of their papers ever told the truth about your strikes, your trade-unions, your working-class problems? You know the answer to that. Daily they din into the ears of their readers that war is inevitable. They clamor for war against the Soviet Union, New China, the people's democracies. They misrepresent the honest, progressive aims of the Korean people and play Syngman

Rhee, the two-bit Chiang Kai-shek as a popular hero. Daily they apologize for the reactionary policies of Wall Street.

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PHIL BARD, General Manager  
JOHN GATES, Editor

Watch coming issues for further details and goals in the circulation drive.



# Gangland Moves in on Nat'l Politics

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the indictment against the four Capone hoodlums, which made them eligible for parole. He appointed two members of a three-man parole board. This board released Ricca and the others immediately.

The other leading figure in this scandalous parole case was Paul Dillon, a St. Louis lawyer. He got \$10,000 from the mob. He interceded and vouched for all four of the mobsters, clearing the way for their quick release. However, this was not entirely a tribute to Dillon's ability as a lawyer. More important was the fact that he had been Harry Truman's campaign manager on two occasions in which Truman was elected Senator from Missouri.

**VIRGIL PETERSON**, director of the Chicago Crime Commission, pointed out that these paroles were a demonstration of tremendous political influence and power vested in a notorious criminal gang that had flourished for almost three decades through murder, extortion and plunder.

But political debts must be paid. And many strange characters held Harry Truman's IOU's by the time he became President of the United States.

There is still much to be told about the 1944 Democratic convention in Chicago which nominated Truman to be Roosevelt's successor. The Truman stampede in the convention was engineered by the late Mayor Edward J. Kelly, who broke up a three-way split over the vice-presidential nomination with a high-powered drive for the little man from Missouri.

Kelly commandeered the full power of the big-city machines and fused the most corrupt elements in the Democratic Party into a pedestal for Truman's ascension to power.

In the convention hall, the name of Harry Truman began to echo from the floors, from the walls and from the rafters—through a system of rigged loud speakers. The raucous galleries, jammed with Kelly's ward heelers, made it sound as though all the world was screaming for Harry Truman.

The name of the future President was determined that day by Mayor Edward J. Kelly of Chicago, the man who reputedly cinched things for Truman.

Of course, the payoff to that story is that Kelly was the head of the most corrupt machine in the long history of the alliance between syndicated crime and politics. It was under the Kelly-Nash regime that the Capone organization converted to post-Prohibition operations, moving from the booze business into nationwide gambling, extortion, labor racketeering and political power.

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litical machine to which Truman is in hock. That, of course, is the Pendergast machine of Kansas City, which converted Truman from a haberdasher to a President of the United States.

That machine produced pluralities for Truman which are staggering to the imagination. And when old Tom Pendergast's sins finally resulted in a brief jail sentence, Truman reacted in anger in defense of his political godfather. In fact, one of his first acts as President was to fire the U. S. prosecutor who sent Pendergast to jail, Maurice M. Milligan.

Over the desk of Jim Pendergast (Tom's nephew), there hangs a framed check for \$6. It signifies that Harry Truman is a member in good standing of the Pendergast organization.

TODAY the Pendergast machine again rules supreme over Missouri Democratic politics, centered in Truman's home baliwick, where a \$20 million annual harvest comes from racketeering, gambling and vice.

Truman gave uncontested orders on who was to be elected and who was to be purged in Missouri—up until last Spring. At that time, a new power was rising in Kansas City by the name of Charles Binaggio.

Binaggio, chief of the powerful crime syndicate, was too ambitious. Instead of the traditional "silent partner" role for the gang leader, Binaggio was trying to take over complete political control. When it came to naming the Democratic candidate for the U. S.

Senate, Truman and Pendergast picked Emory W. Allison, a party hack who became notorious for the fight he had led in the Legislature to exclude Negroes from the state university.

BINAGGIO insisted on Tom Hennings as the nominee. It was then that Binaggio and his chief aide, were murdered. And no federal or state law enforcement officials have ever found so much as a clue.

To make it clear there were no principled differences between the two factions, Hennings, who won the nomination, was recently invited to the White House, where things were patched up.

THE FACT that the crime syndicate is linked mainly with the Democratic Party should create no illusions about the Republicans. The crime syndicate, like its "respectable" counterpart, Big Business—is bi-partisan and works most closely with the party in power.

The Republicans are trying to make political capital of the current crime scandals. And here, there is an interesting parallel with the Stavisky scandal which rocked France in 1934. The disclosures of graft and corruption in the ruling bourgeois party was used by the ultra conservatives in an effort to gain power and to hasten France toward fascism.

HOWEVER, the fact is that crime-in-politics has become a far-reaching political issue. If the lid were to blow completely off, it

would undoubtedly reveal a cesspool on a par with the Teapot Dome scandal of the 20's.

In fact, the political implications of official corruption today are more explosive and deeper-going. Today, 25 years after Teapot Dome, this social system is that much more diseased, much too far-gone for any reformist remedies from silk-stocking leaders of the two old parties.

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## Scanning the News

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tion has served as a handy device by the Ford family to avoid paying millions in inheritance taxes. . . .

The American Jewish Labor Council has demanded an investigation into the anti-Semitic attack by New York cops and firemen on City Councilman Stanley M. Isaacs. . . . Two hundred mothers picketed a public school in Lower Manhattan to protest the transfer of children to a school 10 blocks away. . . . The Manhattan Tenants Council called upon the city to halt eviction of tenants at Stuyvesant Town. The tenants had participated in the fight to eliminate jimmies in the city-aided housing project. . . .

### Kids Lose Out

A Wayne University student was placed on probation for distributing a leaflet calling for rescinding the death sentence on Lieut. Gilbert, Negro officer in Korea. . . . The Labor Youth League's first national convention will be held in New York over the Thanksgiving weekend. . . . Most girls and boys who enter high school fail to graduate because of the need to contribute to their family's support, it was revealed by Earl J. McGrath, U. S. Commissioner of Education. . . . Federal funds granted to 10 eastern states will not meet the "health and welfare needs of all children," the head of the U. S. Children's Bureau announced. . . .

Winston Churchill added his voice to Acheson's in demanding that France agree to the rebuilding of the German Wehrmacht. . . . A Junker General Staff, headed by Count Von Schwerin, is already drawing up plans for a new Wehrmacht. . . .

After widespread protests, the Indianapolis City Council shelved a bill to register Communists. . . . Ninety-five percent of all rent increase applications in New York State have been granted. . . . The American Communications Association won a 16-cent raise from RCA. . . . The UAW-CIO warned that new restrictions on consumer credit will cut down sales of cars and bring unemployment. . . . The Washington, D. C., Board of Education barred a play from the schools because it had Negro and white actors. . . . The Pittsburgh Grand Jury indicted three Communist leaders on charges of "sedition." . . . The Canadian government finally got around to appointing an arbitrator for last August's nine-day railroad strike. . . .

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—By BERNARD BURTON.

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## Reuther Admits

# Main War Costs Placed on Workers

By George Morris

Walter Reuther, in a letter to War Mobilization Chief W. Stuart Symington, charged that labor leaders were completely ignored when plans were drawn for the new consumer credit regulations that are shutting the small-income people out of the market for homes, cars and other goods.

"Not one in government took the trouble to so much as inform our union, for example, that measures were under consideration that might well deprive hundreds of thousands of our members of their jobs and pay and shut them off from access to homes, cars and other durable goods," Reuther complained.

Ironically, Reuther was one of the committee of nine labor leaders that submitted in August a much-advertised plan to Symington on a permanent labor advisory set up in support of the war mobilization program. His long, bitterly-worded letter shattered the nonsense, claimed by labor leaders, that they are "partners" in war mobilization planning.

Reuther charges that the Federal Reserve Board, dominated by a "banking mentality," followed the line set forth by Taft in a Senate speech. Taft advised that if a 50 percent down payment would be required on car purchases, sales would drop by 2,000,000 cars a year and 2,000,000 tons of steel would be released for armaments.

THE UAW'S HEAD also cited the results of a survey which indicated that approximately 75 to 80 percent of the small-income people would be shut off the housing market because of the requirement of a \$2,300 down payment on a \$10,000 home.

"The same workers and low-income consumers have already been selected as the artificial victims of most other defense preparations to date," Reuther admitted.

The union leader reiterates his full support of the war drive, which he now admits is bringing forth unwanted fruits. He charges only bad management of the war

program and wants a labor-management conference to talk things over.

Reuther's protest received no serious attention, however, from the hard-headed corporation executives running the war drive. Meanwhile the first reports on the effect of the new credit rules showed New York department store sales slipping to only one percent above last year for the corresponding period. Sales had been running 10 or more percent above last year. Car sales are dropping heavily.

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The Labor Department's cost of living index hiked another half point to 173.8 for the month of September.

The howl raised by Reuther is undoubtedly intended more for the consumption of his million dissatisfied members than for any real practical results. Basically it is the drive towards war, which Reuther demanded for years, that produced the conditions of which he now complains.

Far from being the fruits of "mismanagement" or lack of "coordination" in the war program, as charged by Reuther in his letter, the credit restrictions are PLANNED deliberately to conform to the war drive. With the rise in the cost of living and pressure for raises, the planners want to shut off most wage earners from most durable goods so they could devote their declining purchasing power entirely to covering food, clothing, rent and mounting taxes.

This result is actually a by-product of the general policy of shifting steel and other materials for war and cutting consumer products in many fields. Thus, as Reuther admits, the goods that are available will go mainly to the "well-heeled" not handicapped by credit restrictions.

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## on the scoreboard

by lester rodney

RAY ROBINSON, who knows the score from way back, is plenty cynical about that supposed middleweight title fight with Jake LaMotta, scheduled for Chicago in February. He's afraid of a runoff by the guy he whipped four out of five times already. And you can't blame him after the runarounds he's had—mostly by the New York State Boxing Commission, which is Governor Dewey's property.

BERNIE BIERMAN is probably through after two decades as Minnesota head coach. The 48-0 shellacking by Ohio State was the last straw convincing even the twin city sportswriters who had previously tended to defend him. Truth is the parade has passed old Bernie by. Minnesota material is not nearly that bad. Those who blamed it all on the fact that he used the single wing instead of the newer T were shocked to see Ohio State's speed, power, and multiple ball handling deception wrapped up in an imaginative single wing. The contrast to the Bierman straight slogging was sharp. Another point against Bierman brought out is his constant emphasis that the team hasn't got it. "If the current Gophers are to believe the evaluation of their coaches that they just don't have it," wrote one scribe, "they could hardly be blamed if they gave up now and put all the rest of their games in the defeat column."

POLL OF sports writers named Casey Stengel and Eddie Sawyer as Managers of the Year. We'll go along with Sawyer, but would name Red Rolfe in the American. Not to take anything away from Stengel, but the Yanks were really much more solid than all the pre-season weeping indicated, and Rolfe went further with the material he had at Detroit. Bucky Harris rates a rattling hand for finishing fifth with last year's cellar team, too. Manager of the Year in reverse? That man in Brooklyn who acts like a public school teacher on the bench, and puts mature men in a doghouse.

BOBBY RIGGS finding it hard to rouse any real interest in this year's tennis tour. The selection of Cussie Moran was a shameless bit of trading on supposed glamor, having nothing in common with the presentation of really fine tennis by women. The fans are not going for it in a big way... not at those prices. For cheesecake they can always take in a movie cheaper.

THE CHICAGO BEARS and New York Yanks clash twice in the next three weeks, and that may tell the story in their division, although no one is yet counting out the high scoring L. A. Rams. Lots of angles in the Bear-Yank games. The respective quarterbacks Johnny Lujack and George Ratterman, were teammates at Notre Dame, and many insist that Ratterman is the superior ball manipulator and passer and should have been the Irish quarterback, with Lujack's great running talents used at halfback. Ratterman himself strongly thinks so and may be out to prove a point.

Each team has one tremendous fullback rookie—Morrison of Ohio State for the Bears, Toth of LSU for the Yanks. All three of the Yanks great Negro stars, Sherman Howard, Buddy Young and George Taliefero, will have relatives in the stands during the Chicago game. Howard and Young live in Chicago and Taliefero hails from Gary, Indiana, just thirty miles away.

ARMY COACH BLAIK'S blast at the pro game in Colliers is a phony from start to finish. He says the pros don't play for real football, just put on a show for dough. Of course the pros play for dough. The difference is they do it without the hypocrisy of the "amateurs" like West Point. What do Blaik and the other Army Colonels bring their team to the Yankee Stadium for every year—to build character?

## Harlem Unionists Map Drive for Jobs

By John Hudson Jones

Floor discussion and reports at the recent Harlem Trade Union Council conference illustrated the need and determination of the Council to spur job apprenticeship training among Negroes. Announcing a fight to put Negroes into the aircraft industry, council secretary Ferdinand C. Smith mentioned the recent newspaper hullabaloo about a Negro jet plane pilot in Korea.

"But that same Negro couldn't help build the plane back home and earn money to feed his children," Smith charged.

The Harlem meeting was called to carry out the program adopted at the historic Chicago Trade Union Conference for Negro Rights last June. The major decision there called for "a nationwide, plant by plant, union by union" campaign for a "model FEPC clause" in all union contracts.

Floor discussion from the delegates of 16 unions and community groups revealed increasing attacks on the few job opportunities Negroes do have today. And this despite the "democracy" promises being thrown around by the Truman Administration since the outbreak of the Korean war.

AS IN CHICAGO, the Harlem conference's action was designed to unite the civil and jobs rights struggle. It called on the Chicago conference continuations commit-

tee to begin planning the proposed civil rights march on Washington in January. It provided for an immediate job apprenticeship program among Negroes. It mapped action supporting the Domestic Workers Union demands for social security benefits.

"We're organizing to get the people of the community to join with organized labor on a program for Negro rights," declared Smith. "We don't want anymore token jobs in any industry. We want full integration on all job levels and we'll fight until we win it."

Visiting the conference "just to listen and exchange ideas with you" was Paul Robeson, who spoke briefly. The great Negro peace fighter, artist, and leader, hailed the HTUC program. "We Negroes have great power today if only we'll learn how to use it," Robeson said.

Andronicus Jacobs, co-chairman of the meeting and a rank and file longshoremen's leader summed up the meeting and Robeson's participation.

"It is important," Jacobs said, "that the most important Negro of our times is on the side of his people and the working class."

# Davis Warning on PR Recalled by Graft Expose

Revelations of wholesale graft and office-buying in the New York elections throw light on the frantic drive of the political bosses to scrap proportional representation. The drive was finally successful in 1947. Under PR, the bosses were unable to buy and sell political nominations for Council. Citizens could enter as independent candidates and compete with the nominees of the machines almost on an equal plane. The system threatened the whole structure of boss rule and racketeer domination. Though confined to City Council elections, it could spread if not squelched.

And so the bosses got busy. Using redbaiting to conceal their real purpose, they were able to kid the voters into voting to end PR.

The result is that the City Council, composed of 24 Democratic machine hacks and one Republican, has become a useless and meaningless body. The powerful voice of ex-Councilman Benjamin J. Davis, Negro Communist leader, who repeatedly broke through the two-party stranglehold on New York politics to make his influence felt in behalf of the people, is sadly missed.

AS COUNCILMAN, Davis initiated and advanced the seven-year struggle to break down Jim Crow in the huge Stuyvesant Town housing project. Under his leadership, the struggle became the pivot of a drive to end discrimination in all New York housing.

Similarly, Councilman Davis became the spokesman of the popular struggle for decent housing, rent control, maintenance of the five-cent fare, democracy in all phases of New York life. He became the champion of the civil service workers, and the dependable voice of all New York labor. Especially striking was his leadership in the battle against police brutality, particularly vicious against the Negro people in the city.

The politicians needed to silence such independent voices. Hence their hysterical drive to end a system of voting which made it more possible for the people to elect independents.



BENJAMIN J. DAVIS



A Richard E. Lauterbach Friendship Cargo to aid China's children was launched Oct. 25 at a China Welfare Appeal dinner in New York City honoring the late journalist, and writer on Far Eastern affairs. Lauterbach was an honorary member of the China Welfare Fund, the Chinese voluntary welfare organization headed by Madame Sun Yat-Sen. The Friendship Cargo will help equip a new child welfare center in Shanghai may be sent to China Welfare Appeal, 439 Fourth Ave., New York 16, N. Y.

## See Odds Swinging To ALP State Nominees

The American Labor Party, which was not represented in the State Legislature last session for the first time in several years, sees the opportunity of sending several spokesmen to the Assembly and at least one ALP-supported candidate to the Senate.

Manuel Medina, ALP candidate for Assembly in Harlem's 14th A. D. and Frances Smith, candidate from Harlem's 11th A. D. foresee their election because of the high standing their party enjoys in the Negro and Puerto Rican communities.

"The people are beginning to see clearly how the candidates of the corrupt parties rob them," said Medina, an aide of Marcantonio for many years, "how these confidence men also rob them of hospitals, relief, jobs and decent housing."

Miss Smith, a hotel worker, is known throughout the Harlem community for her efforts in behalf of Harlem's two-thirds who are ill-housed, ill-fed and ill-clothed.

WILLIAM BIANCHI, Republican-American Labor candidate for Senate in the 22nd District, appears almost assured of victory. His

defiance of Tom Curran's order that he repudiate the American Labor Party and Rep. Vito Marcantonio has won him thousands of new adherents.

In Brooklyn, two large women ALP candidates from Bedford-Stuyvesant are winning wide support in the overwhelmingly Negro community. They are Mrs. Enid Tyler, seeking election in the 17th A. D. and Mrs. Hattie Birsane, in the 5th A. D.

Mrs. Tyler, 28-year-old mother of three children is active in every community movement as is Mrs. Birsane who has lived in the area for the past 20 years, who until two years ago was an active Republican leader.

Several other ALP candidates for State Legislative are making a strong fight of it and some may come through, giving the working people genuine representation in the State Legislature.

### 'March of Labor' Off the Press

The October issue of March of Labor deals extensively with two of the key problems confronting American trade unionists today: speedup and the dangerous wage-freeze policy.

The issue leads off with "Squeeze and Freeze Wage Policy," an article by editor John Steuben. This is an examination of the economic reasons behind the present government-corporation attempt to clamp a vise on wage movements that are springing up around the country.

"Blood, Sweat and Profits" is the title of an article by John McCabe, who has made special studies of speedup for various unions.

Special emphasis, too, is given in the October March of Labor to the struggle against civil rights repression.

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SECTION 2

## Bankers Behind The Grafters

*The share going to illegal rackets in New York politics is nothing compared to the haul taken in by the real bosses of the two old parties—the bankers. Republican or Democrat, the Morgan and Rockefeller interests continue to get their haul. Their one fear is of the only party they cannot buy, the American Labor Party.*

By ART SHIELDS

**B**OOKIE scandals come and bookie scandals go, and Mayor O'Dwyer flees to Mexico. But the bankers keep their fists on the big city dough. The Rockefellers, Morgans, Lehman and others run the city's politics, while they raise the city's rents and bus and subway fares and gas and light bills and telephone tolls with the politicians' help. Their take is enormous. And profits and politics have been going hand in hand in O'Henry's Baghdad on the Hudson since Banker Belmont, the Democratic politician, and his friends got control of the first subway system by a deal with Tammany Hall and the silk stocking reformist opposition a half century ago.

The bankers have collected billions. Now they find their take threatened by the rising American Labor Party, led by men like Rep. Vito Marcantonio and Paul Ross, the mayoralty candidate. And they are spending money freely to keep their political grip on the world's richest city.

Thus Winthrop Aldrich, the brother-in-law of John D. Rockefeller, Jr., the world's richest man, is the campaign treasurer for Governor Thomas E. Dewey again, in his fight for re-election. Aldrich is the head of the \$5,000,000,000 Chase National Bank, which has immense investments in public utilities that depend on state favors.

Dewey's Democratic opponent, Rep. Walter Lynch, is the director of a thriving oil company that gets along with the Rockefeller oil trust. His firm is the Middle State's Petroleum Corp., which netted \$4,100,000 last year from its wells in Oklahoma, Texas and Louisiana.

Democratic candidate Lynch also has important banking connections. His only law partner, Joseph Glass, is the general counsel and executive committee member of a big bank. This is the Sterling National Bank of New York, a \$153,000,000 institution.

**Lynch, Railroads, Lehman Bros.**

Lynch also has railroad connections that his labor backers such as Michael J. Quill, of the CIO's Transport Workers, should note. In fact, Lynch is a railroad capitalist himself. His oil firm operates the little Louisiana & Northwestern RR. And Quill and David Dubinsky, etc., may now understand why their "labor" candidate voted to break the Railroad Trainmen's strike four years ago. . . . Lynch also voted for the fascist McCarran bill this year.

Lynch is small fry, however, compared to Herbert Lehman, the multimillionaire ex-banker, who seeks reelection to the U. S. Senate.

Lehman Bros. bank, which the Senator used to direct with his brothers and nephews, is one of Wall Street's big financial powers. It exploits many tens of thousands of workers throughout the United States. It is tied abroad to such imperialist outfits as the British Lever Bros., who work 70,000 African Negroes

for 20 to 30 cents daily. And here in New York Lehman Bros. run the American Export Line, finance many big landlords, who raise rents; and share control of a big bus firm—the New York City Omnibus Corp.—on which they have two Lehman Bros. directors.

This bus company pays off Lehman Bros. with the help of New York City politicians. Democratic Mayor O'Dwyer increased the bus company's income 60 percent in the last couple years when he raised bus fares to 8 cents. One million Omnibus riders have been paying the extra toll since.

O'Dwyer wasn't just trying to help Democratic investors. As a good servant of Wall Street he was taking the advice of several dozen Republican and Democratic bankers on the so-called "Citizens" Transit Committee for higher fares. Most of these bankers represented the real estate interests who feared higher taxes if the fares were not upped.

The Morgan-controlled telephone trust got similar favors from Governor Dewey when he greased the way for a 10-cent coin box phone toll next Jan. 1.

**Pecora and Pinkerton Finks**

The present New York City election campaign would be a bankers' delight if the American Labor Party were not in the field.

The bankers control all other parties in the city race. Their main bets are on Judge Ferdinand C. Pecora, the Democratic-Liberal candidate for Mayor, whom most right wing labor leaders are also backing today.

Pecora is a veteran bankers' entry on the municipal election track. He ran for the New York County District Attorneyship in 1933 with the city's chief strikebreaking bankers behind him.

Pecora's campaign manager then was the multimillionaire banker, George Vincent McLaughlin, who had smashed many strikes with nightsticks as police commissioner in the Jimmie Walker administration. He became president of the big Brooklyn Trust Co. after quitting the cops.

Pecora was the candidate of the "National Recovery" Party, the bankers' own party. The plan was to "recover" by cutting relief and starving the unemployed and cutting the wages of municipal employees. And the bankers poured out money like water in that election.

The chairman of Pecora's executive and finance committee was Vincent Astor, the \$200,000,000 real estate and steamship tycoon.

Another prominent Pecora committee member was Lewis Gibb, the director of the strikebreaking Pinkerton National Detective Agency, with the blood of many union members on its hands.

Pecora's ticket was led by Mayoralty candidate Joseph V. McKee, a well-known real estate banker. McKee had endeared himself to Wall Street by clubbing unemployment demonstrators and cutting relief as Acting Mayor the year



before. He was president of the Rockefeller-controlled Title Guarantee & Trust Co. until he filed for the election. And he still remained a trustee of the big bank. His law partner, incidentally, was Harold R. Medina, who was to preside at the frame-up trial of the 11 Communist leaders last year.

The McKee-Pecora ticket, however, was badly beaten when McKee's anti-Semitic record came out. . . . An old magazine article, attacking the Jews, which he had written, came to light.

**Corsi, Impellitteri, J. P. Morgan**

One of Pecora's backers today is Adolf A. Berle, the Liberal Party chairman, who served the bankers so long. Berle was the counsel for the savings banks and insurance companies two years ago when the Government found them guilty of denying housing loans for Negroes and Puerto Ricans. He is also a former trustee of the Savings Bank Trust Co. And he is chairman today of the board of the \$10,000,000 American Molasses Co., with non-union workers in New

Orleans and other cities, as the Liberal Party's labor members should note.

The bankers, however, would be well satisfied with Republican Mayoralty candidate Edward Corsi, if Pecora should lose. Corsi takes orders from Governor Dewey, and Dewey follows Banker Aldrich's advice.

And Wall Street has no objections to Acting Mayor Vincent Impellitteri, who seeks election as an "independent." Impellitteri's administration is now trying to oust eight leaders of the Teachers Union from the public schools with the help of one of Wall Street's top lawyers.

This top legal witchhunter, who presides over the purge trials, is Theodore Kiendl, a member of the chief law firm of J. P. Morgan & Co. He ordinarily gets hundreds of thousands of dollars a year for his services to the big banks and industrial corporations.

His bosses have a big stake in the drive against the progressive unions and political movements in New York and the rest of the world. And it should be remembered that the same bankers Kiendl represents are stretching out their fat hands to grab the rest of the world.



## OF THINGS TO COME

BY JOHN PITTMAN

### A Humble Proposal to The Crusade for Freedom

THERE'S A PLACE where the inhabitants are literally crying out to be liberated from all the evils against which General Lucius Clay and other such champions of the common people are mobilizing their "Crusade for Freedom." As one with a soft spot for all real Freedom Crusaders, I have closely attended the speeches, squeals, proclamations, advertisements, bulletins, notes, I-O-U's, memoranda, pumpkin papers, broadcasts, manifestoes, letters, harangues, lectures, leaflets, sermons, dictats, orders, anecdotes, screeds, confessions, mumbo-jumbo, growls, tracts, disquisitions, escapes, wolf-calls, and—most precious of all—obituaries of the leaders of this Crusade. But nowhere could I find mention of this place. So that, considering how preoccupied they are with the weighty business of crusading against these evils in Bulgaria, Romania, East Germany, Czechoslovakia, China, Albania, Viet Nam, Hungary, Poland, Korea, the Soviet Union and other affected areas of Asia, Africa, Europe, Australasia, and South and Central America; and desirous of contributing my mite of information to the end that true freedom may be realized by all of mankind, I am making bold to pass on to the leaders of the Crusade for Freedom such facts as I possess.

THE PLACE TO WHICH I REFER is a sizable community of about 1,300,000 souls, of whom 80 percent, or about 400,000, occupy a status similar to that of the slave laborers so often mentioned in the speeches of William Green, David Dubinsky, Walter Reuther and other such stout champions of the workingclass. I was about to say that the status of these poor people might be compared to that of the Untouchables of India, except that I remembered recent measures abolishing the status of untouchability in India, whereas their untouchability persists.

So bitter is the lot of these people that they form 70 percent of all the slum residents, have 69 percent of the tuberculosis deaths. In 1947, 15 percent of their school children were getting only part-time instruction. Their child mortality rate is twice as high as the rate for other children in the same place. The mothers among them are six times as likely to die as other mothers.

These 400,000 people have little chance of employment except in the most menial of occupations. They cannot eat in the principal restaurants of the city, nor rest in the main hotels. They are not even allowed into most theaters, while in certain others they are forced to sit apart from the other people.

If they thirst, they may not drink from fountains unless specifically designated for them. If they require to answer the needs of nature, they must search for privies specifically designated and plainly marked. They are the special prey of the police, who infest their neighborhoods, plant informers and spies, and delight in brutalities against their mem-

bers of all ages and both sexes.

THE GOVERNMENT of this place, as the acute leaders of the Crusade for Freedom will already have surmised, are scoundrels who rule with cunning. Recently they allowed a committee of 87 well-known people to report the results of a two-year investigation into the conditions of this place. The committee reported that the conditions of the "untouchables" had worsened, rather than improved, during the past 40 years; that the Government itself, by its examples, had set the pattern for persecuting these people; that the continued persecution served the interest only of about 1 percent of the population—about 8,000 grafters, thieves, crooks and other members of the business community; and that the supreme executive of the land, by a single stroke of the pen—if he actually desired—might abolish these horrible conditions. That report was made two years ago, but nothing has come of it.

Freedom Crusaders should know, moreover, that ALL of the 1,300,000 inhabitants of this wretched place are disfranchised—denied the right to vote. Here, of all places, is a shining example of the "totalitarianism" which the Crusade leaders have vowed they would sweep off the face of the earth.

I can think of no more lofty aim in the world today than to liberate these captives of totalitarianism. And so, for Generals Clay, Eisenhower and the other brave and good, peace-loving and patriotic men, I propose as their first crusade and their flaming slogan: "On to the Liberation of the People of the City of Washington, District of Columbia, United States of America!"



NEW YORK'S TIMES SQUARE AT NIGHT

By HARRY RAYMOND

THE United States of America, 1950. . . . That rough-and-tumble organ of human ignorance, the New York Daily News, publishes a letter from a constant reader. . . .

"I suggest that laws be passed to prevent any Harvard graduate from ever holding public office in the U. S. A." writes constant reader. "I also urge that Groton School and Harvard University be torn down brick by brick, and the entire faculties of both be incarcerated in Alcatraz for life plus 99 years."

"Nine-year-old Edward Stephens threatened to quit studying in his fourth grade class. . . . He heard leaders of his country declare civilization could be wiped out by atom bombs. . . . 'I'm going to quit studying because the world is exploding anyway,' declares little Edward Stephens."

President Truman calls for "a show of force" . . . Secretary of State Dean Acheson suggests how to do it. . . . A new German army in the West Zone . . . Hitler's old Nazi generals to lead it. . . . Why not invite the old fascist butcher Francisco Franco to the big party . . . ? He is opposed to Communism, you know.

Signs of the times. . . . "Our way of life is threatened," say men in Washington. "Isn't it good enough for you? You must be a Communist. . . . The greatest culture in the world. . . . Behold our radio, press, movies, theater, the washing machines, the bathtubs, the current literary output. . . . Defense Secretary Marshall warns: 'Prepare for the worst. . . . Draft Director Hershey says: 'It's not scholars we need but soldiers.'"

## Dollar 'Culture'

Culture yes. . . . our best cultural traditions attacked. . . . Ten Hollywood writers, directors and producers in jail for "dangerous thoughts. . . . Radio broadcasters bellowing against civil rights. . . . A Jackson, Miss., newspaper editor demanding assassination of persons protesting the death house frame-up of the innocent Negro Willie McGee. . . . "Hiawatha" banned from the screen. . . . It might be construed as "Communist," says Monogram because the Indian leader strove for peace.

Dollar culture, 1950. . . . Band leader Artie Shaw banned from television. . . . Great Negro artist Paul Robeson denied right to speak in Madison Square Garden, refused a passport to tour Europe. . . . Slick magazines battering and bludgeoning academic freedom with the zeal of mad men fighting witches and goblins. . . . Hemingway's current literary pessimism declared by the Times the next best thing to Shakespeare. . . . Upper class decay presented as heroism in the play "There Shall Be No Night," hailed as best performance of the year. . . . Classic Greek scholar Eugene O'Neill, Jr., slashes his wrists and dies a suicide.

The best of all possible worlds. . . . Atom bomb world. . . . Dollar world. . . . Poverty and confusion of thought. . . . Dog-eat-dog fatalism—that's the literary theme that pays. . . . Distortion of hu-

man values. . . . Informers and stool pigeons write sordid confessions. . . . Colliers pays L. F. Budenz \$20,000 for a series of five. . . . Motion Picture Association of America denies certificate of approval to prize-winning Italian movie "Bicycle Thief" for its honest realism.

Broadway, 1950. . . . Our own Broadway besmirched. . . . Signs on movie houses. . . . Giant signs. . . . Caudy signs. . . . Terrifying signs. . . . Signs depicting violent death; men and women in passionate embrace; daggers dripping blood, smoking pistols, nude females. . . . An A-bomb explosion in technicolor. . . . A Broadway wag quips: "Huh, the at 'em bomb!"

Let's go to the movies. . . . Seats in all parts of the house; no waiting. . . . Take your choice. . . . "Between Midnight and Dawn" . . . Plenty of gunplay—hot from police files—the "most dangerous hours in the life of a great city. . . ."

For early birds there's "Edge of Doom"—doors open at 9:30 a.m., late shows nightly. . . . Here's cinema madness for every day in the week. . . . "Kiss Tomorrow Goodbye," "The Furies," "The Shakedown," all about the blackmail racket. . . . Here's "Atom Men" and "The Cheat," all about "Take love." . . . And if you have time: "Three Hours of Fantastic Adventure Into the Supernatural," "Things You Can't Explain," "Palmistry: Death in the Hand," Astrology: "What the Stars Foretell."

Ghosts: "Haunted Palace!" Homocide: "A Matter of Murder!"

Continuing up Broadway. . . . Actor Orson Welles reduced to emitting oom in the penny dreadful flicker, "Black Rose." . . . Production costs close two Shaw plays. . . . Actors outnumber audience in fine Shakespeare production. . . . "Twelfth Night" forced off the boards. . . . Night club columnist Earl Wilson denounces the Shakespeare comedy as "that little stinker," which "couldn't make loot for the producers," the type of comedy that would get a cafe comedian "run out of town."

The business index is the chief concern of the big brains in Washington, D. C.—but art and culture are not forgotten. . . . President Truman is heard to observe the "Missouri Waltz" is the peak of American musical composition. . . . Modern art, he says, is just "scrambled eggs."

A report on the cultural and social life of Washington, D. C., comes from Robert S. Allen and William V. Shannon in their book "The Truman Merry-go-round."

"For many Washingtonians the cocktail party is THE main activity of the day. . . . Washington laps up three times as much whiskey per person as the nation as a whole does. Washington drinks three gallons per person per year," declares the report.

Signs of our times. . . . Sign post pointing to the dangerous, degeneration of American thought and culture under the hammer blows of a chauvinistic bully-boy national policy of world domination by force and the dollar. . . . The nation's rulers and their literary apologists dragging through the mud their once proudly hailed "humane standards" of American liberal culture.

But a true and lofty culture will grow and flourish and triumph in America as surely as the trees of our great forests bloom and blossom in Springtime. The seeds were planted long ago—by Melville, Thoreau, Faizé, Hart, Walt Whitman, Mark Twain, Jack London, Dreiser, MacDowell and the unnamed composers of the Negro spirituals and work songs.

A new people's poetry, an art of the masses, is developing wherever the people are uniting against oppression, against A-bomb and dollar madness. Great singers of the people's struggles are emerging.

New sign posts are being erected. . . . Sign posts in the little off-Broadway theatres. . . . The Committee for the Negro in the Arts is pointing the way. . . . New Playwrights Theatre is one of the new forums for progress in dramatic art. . . . New songs of struggle are being born in people's music groups. . . . Jailed writers are discovering new epic themes.

Signs of our times. . . . Yes, these are the important signs. . . . Signs of life. . . . Not signs of death. . . . Signs of a new phase of the struggle for human dignity, freedom and peace.



# No 'Food Problem' in the USSR

*The New York Times found a Soviet "food problem" in the paper's home office. But our Moscow correspondent fails to find it in the Soviet Union. Food is plentiful — and cheap.*

By JOSEPH CLARK

The Worker Moscow Correspondent

MOSCOW.

I SEE that the New York Times (Oct. 4) has discovered a "food problem" in the Soviet Union. The evidence for this discovery is quite remarkable.

"The stress on irrigation," says the Times, "is implicit admission that the much-publicized reforestation program is inadequate to solve the Soviet food problem."

The reader has to know just a little bit about the reforestation program, about the hydroelectric and irrigation programs, not to speak about the food situation here, to realize what ignorance lies in that Times comment. First, the reforestation program is being carried out and will accomplish exactly what it was supposed to. To prevent wind from carrying off topsoil and from blowing sand across the plains, millions of trees are being planted in shelter belt lines throughout the European Soviet lands. This prevents dust bowl calamities about which the Oklahoma farmer can inform the Times editor.

As for the hydroelectric and irrigation projects in the Volga area, in Turkmenia, in the south Ukraine and the North Crimea, they will, among other things, reclaim arid lands. The Kara Kum desert, for example, never fit for man or beast in the past, will be transformed into millions of acres of land producing cotton and for pasturing cattle, sheep, etc.

This war against nature is something Times editors evidently can't understand. They're much more at home in the kind of warfare where Korean peasant villages are destroyed by saturation bombing, while peasant women and children are strafed by MacArthur's forces.

You see, socialism abhors deserts. It doesn't require a "food problem" in the Soviet Union for socialism to make deserts bloom, to produce more cotton for clothing and still more food, not only for Soviet people, but also food for the

Korean victims of saturation bombing. This is the kind of war, against deserts, against droughts, for industrial and agricultural progress, that now engages the Soviet people. All over the U.S.S.R. factories are turning out machines for the Kuibishev and Stalingrad power stations, which will make Boulder Dam small by comparison. All the people here are excited about this war against nature and they devote meetings, education, discussions, and above all work to carrying out the plans.

Just a Start

Now, about this "food problem" the Times has discovered, by long distance, in the U.S.S.R. There ain't no such animal. I've been eating some of my meals in a buffet place where workers come straight from their factories for a snack or a meal. While I'm satisfied with three frankfurters, a caviar sandwich, a slice or two of bread and a bottle of beer, the average customer here will settle down to eight or 10 frankfurters, a couple of caviar sandwiches, two bottles of beer, and about half a pound of bread.

The Times editor should see a Russian family sit down to a Ukrainian borscht—a plate of "soup" which has at least a quarter of a pound of meat in it; cabbage, carrots and other vegetables as well as fresh sour cream. But that's just a start for a Russian worker. Then comes the meal—meat, vegetables, dessert, coffee or tea. But still that's nothing. The Times editor should know now how much bread the Russian worker takes with that meal. They eat mostly white bread too; it seems that I'm one of the few people in Moscow who prefers black bread to white. Then the Times editor should see a Russian housewife using butter instead of oil or lard for frying food.

But to really see the "food problem" in Moscow, the Times editor should walk into one of the hundreds of gastronomes,



or food stores, in the city. Walk into one with fancy chandeliers, tile floors, decorated ceilings and walls so that the place looks like a movie house, not a store.

Then look at the food piled up on the counters. And then observe the people, not a couple of customers, not 10 or 20, but 1,000 customers in a single huge store on Gorky Street. Watch them as they buy not a half pound of meat, but two kilograms (one kilo equals 2.2 pounds) or three kilograms of meat. Watch them buy apples or pears, not a few but 20 at a time. Watch them buy huge heads of cabbage. See them buying eggs, butter, cheese, potatoes, sausage, fish, caviar, tomato juice and lots more.

Then walk into one of the innumerable bakeries around here. You'll see a variety of bread, different colors and shapes, from rolls to loaves, from twists to long Italian-style loaves, from white to brown to black. You'll see people buying bread, two, three, five loaves at a time.

Watch them buy those pastries too. They call them pirozhnove and they resemble French pastries. They're made

of the purest butter, eggs and cream—and they taste it too.

Well, the Times editor might say, that's Moscow, what about the rest of the country? I've spoken with Swedish, British, Canadian folks visiting here who have been to Stalingrad, to Kiev, to Leningrad, to the Crimea, to Georgia. Everywhere they say the shops are crammed full of food just as in Moscow. Everywhere people buy the same enormous quantities.

Then I could see for myself what peasants were eating and selling to train passengers all along the route from the Soviet border at Brest to Moscow. You didn't buy a piece of chicken or a sandwich: you bought a big fried chicken. There wasn't a person on that train, or along the route of the train, a route which had been laid waste by Hitler's hordes, who didn't have plenty of food to eat.

And I haven't even mentioned the ice cream. There are as many ice-cream vendors in Moscow as there are bars in New York. And no matter how cold it is people are buying and eating ice cream.

Times exposes of the Soviet Union are getting pretty feeble, I'd say.

## Ted Tinsley Says...

### THE SHEEP IN WOLF'S CLOTHING

NEW INVESTORS in Wall Street "know that there is no big, bad ogre pulling the wires in the market place and that when the Red propagandist screams about Wall Street warmongers, he is talking about you and me." (Who, me?)

The man who wrote this statement is C. Norman Stabler, N. Y. Herald Tribune Business and Financial Editor. Maybe he believes it. It's possible. After all, you can still find people who think that Coolidge is President, and wonder how the Spanish-American War is going to turn out. I'll admit such people don't usually get to be editors of a financial page, but that doesn't mean that they couldn't do the job.

Stabler should not talk about screaming propaganda. After all, ever since the end of the Second World War, Wall Street propagandists have been screaming, at the top of their lungs, that "the man in the street" now runs Wall Street, that Main Street is Wall Street, that all good Americans buy stocks, and that duPont and Morgan have lost controlling interest in their corporations to Mr. and Mrs. Arch Farch who own two shares of Consolidated Bilgewater. But this sort of stuff is really not for adults, especially since all the "little men" got taken to the cleaners in 1929.

Stabler's article, printed in This Week, had the quaint title: The Folks Are Flocking to Wall Street. It was a homely little article. You could just see the folks doing square dances on the Stock Exchange floor while Aunt Biddie stood in the stockbroker's office, baking corn pone for the party.

Yet the article contained many statements which must be confusing, even to financial editors. (The Herald Tribune, by the way, sells a booklet called How to Read the Financial Section of a Newspaper. I can tell you how. The way to read it is hurriedly.)

Stabler spoke proudly of the "little man" and the busy housewife, both of whom now pass the time of day in stockbrokers' offices. Then Stabler wrote of one small investor who noticed that men were smoking cigars. On the basis of this profound observation, the investor bought cigar stock, and made a profit of \$207.14 in one month. Then the same investor made inquiries and was told that cigar smokers like Coronas. (Nobody mentioned that although they like Coronas, they smoke White Owls.) Consequently, the sheep of Wall Street promptly bought Smith & Corona stock. It so happens that Smith & Corona makes typewriters, not cigars, but the investor turned a profit on this deal, too. See, suggests Stabler to the man with a dollar in the bank, you don't even have to know your elbow from third base!

Before telling this glorious tale of opportunity, Stabler described how the small investor is studying "earnings and dividends" of corporations, and weighing "technical points." After you study the earnings and dividends, and weigh the technical points, you buy typewriter stock, thinking it's cigar stock, and you make money.

Then Stabler remarks, very casually, "that losses are just as possible as profits." Taking him at his word, this means that half of the mysterious "little men" who flock in droves to Wall Street are going to lose their money. This new trend, concludes Stabler, "is paying off—in profits and quieter nerves, too." For which half?

An interesting fact which Stabler overlooked, since it is the job of a financial editor to overlook interesting facts, is that the 50 percent of the small investors who lose, lose it to the big corporations. And the other 50 percent who make money (if they do), make a little bit of what the first 50 percent lost. The corporations struggle along, making money on 100 percent of the small investors.

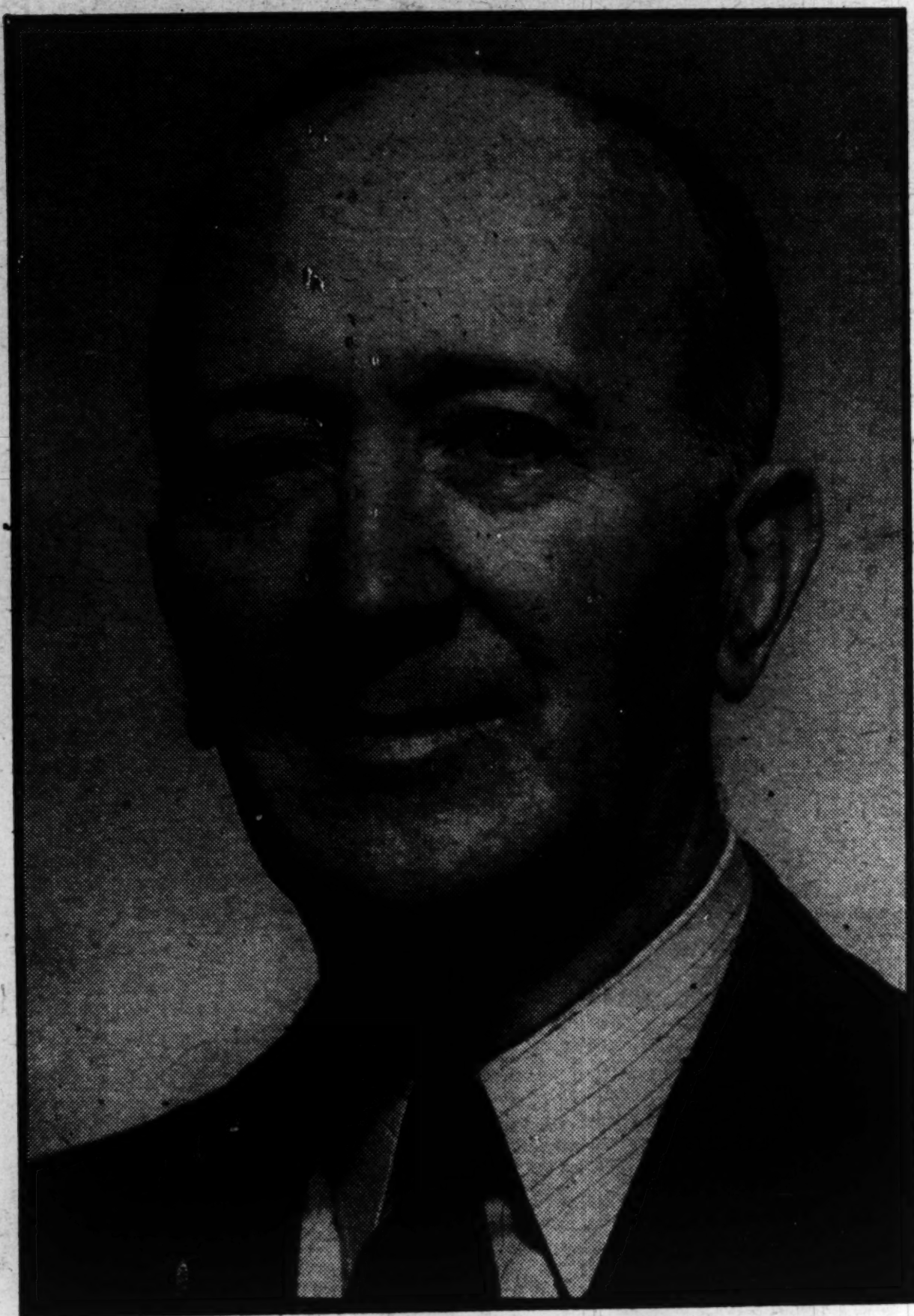
If Stabler has any doubts about the existence

of "Wall Street warmongers," I have a proposition for him. Let him go to the Exchange tomorrow morning, get up on a table, and shout "PEACE!" at the top of his lungs. I guarantee him that 83 men will faint, the bottom will drop out of the market, and he will find himself on Ellis Island, a victim of the McCarran Bill.





# 50 YEARS FOR SOCIAL



WILLIAM Z. FOSTER

*It was 50 years ago that William Z. Foster, national chairman of the Communist Party, joined the socialist movement in Philadelphia. At 70, he is more confident than ever of the victory of socialism and, though ill, is working toward that goal with the same indomitable enthusiasm.*

By GEORGE MORRIS

**W**ILLIAM Z. FOSTER, nearing 70, looked back a half century to that day in Reading, Pa., when he started on his long and stormy road of socialist thinking and action. That's when he joined the new-born Socialist Party.

There isn't much good he finds today in what's left of the old S. P. But he nevertheless cherishes both the memory of his early days and the significance of the first political steps that led him to Marxism and to his present-day honor as foremost leader of America's Marxists.

We figured that the Golden Jubilee of Foster's start on the journey of Socialism was due just about now. And we weren't wrong. The chairman of the Communist Party was quite happy when I entered his home for an interview.

His happiness was especially great because the anniversary coincides with completion of a ten-year-long task—An Outline Political History of the Americas. The book, to run about 800 pages, is already being set up by International Publishers. It will undoubtedly be ready for presentation to Foster and to the working class of the Americas, on Feb. 25, his 70th birthday. His crowning product in a half century of Socialist thinking, Foster's "Outline" projects a Socialist perspective for the peoples of the entire Western hemisphere.

A heart condition confines the chairman of the Communist Party to his home. He must limit himself to only a few hours

a day of actual work. But he has a remarkable ability to organize his work and obtains a tremendous rate of productivity. Although he doesn't get around much, I was amazed how well he keeps up with events. That well known Foster sensitivity to the moods of the workers was there as sharp as ever. He stands like a solid oak, defying the hysterical winds, more scornful than ever of those who crawl, run for cover or sell out the workers.

## Confidence in Victory of Socialism

His confidence in the victory of socialism is not only stronger than ever but seems to be the very source of that dynamism that keeps him going.

Bill Foster, in the past fifty years, actually lived through the experiences of the American workers as they repeatedly probed the armor of capitalism. For a short spell before he stopped at a Socialist meeting on a Philadelphia Street and drank in some thoughts from a good Socialist soapboxer, he was attracted by the Bryan populism that temporarily swept the country.

He joined the Socialist Party just as it was formed by a split-off from the old Socialist Labor Party and Eugene Victor Debs' Social Democratic Party. He recalled that early "naïve enthusiasm" for the Socialist Party.

"But what has become of it? It is bankrupt, a prop of the very capitalist system it was designed to supersede," said Foster.

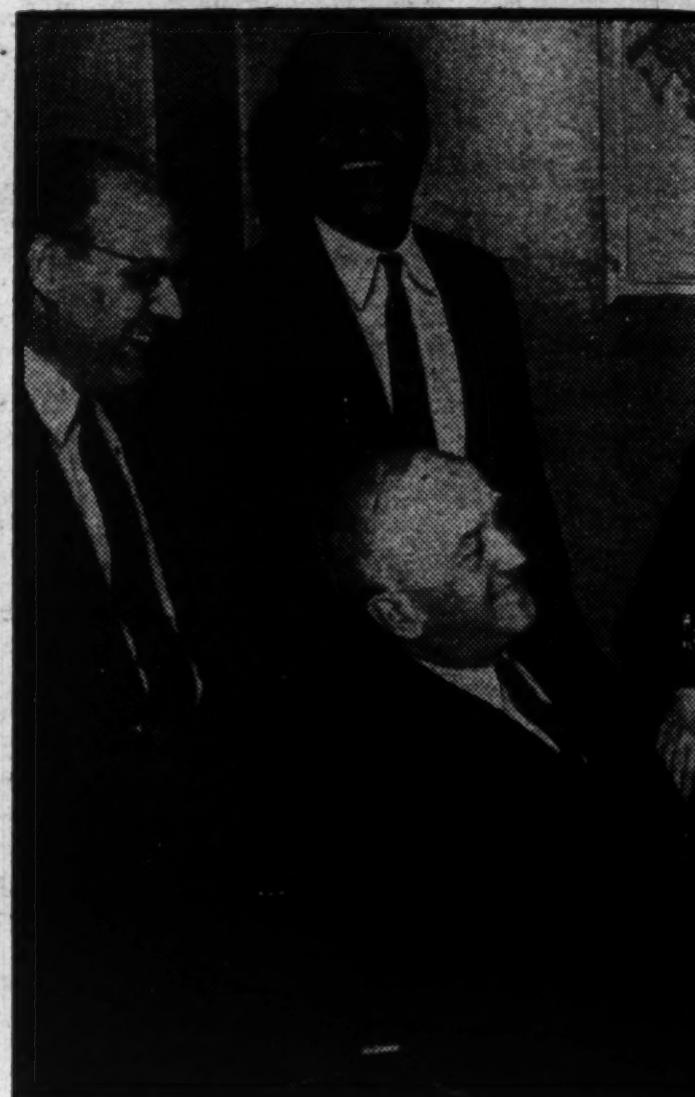
"The anarchists and syndicalists? They, too have gone bankrupt. In fact they have disappeared."

Foster, between the years of 1909 and World War I days, was active both in the Industrial Workers of World and, through a syndicalist movement later he organized a movement of militants within the AFL.

"The trade union movement?" he went on. "It has grown and shown tremendous vitality and has expanded many times over its size of fifty years ago. But it has by no means utilized its potentiality."

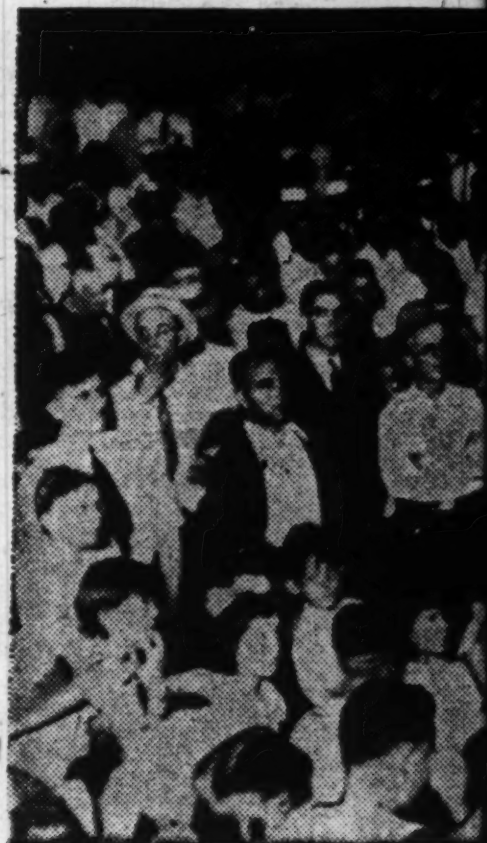
At this point Foster laid particular stress on the role of many top labor leaders today as agents of capitalism in the ranks of the workers. He likened their role to that of the Social Democratic leaders in European countries. The struggle of the workers would be much simpler if it had to be waged only against the propaganda of the capitalist class.

"But they have to fight against the poisonous efforts of their own leaders. That is the most deadly aspect of the problem," he said.



RECEIVING THE GREETINGS of some here with national Communist leaders (left to right) Winston, Elizabeth Gurley Flynn and Communist Dennis.

Typical is this photo of Foster as he addresses an outdoor mass meeting of workers in Western Pennsylvania. Millions of people have heard him speak in countless mass meetings. A prolific writer, other millions have read his books and pamphlets.



"The big development is the Communist movement in the past 30-odd years," continued Foster. "The trend, notwithstanding the vicious attacks against it, is for the Communist movement to become the recognized movement of the workers. Socialism is already victorious in countries with a third of the world's population."

Foster responded most readily when I asked him to tell something of his new book. He is undoubtedly proud of this work. And Foster has written more than any American labor writer or leader. Some of his works, like *Misleaders of Labor*, has left an historic progressive imprint upon much of the American labor movement.

"Here I am 70, but it is only now that I have produced what I regard my most important work," he said as he brought out a manuscript of the book. A tremendous amount of research went into the work. He estimates he read some 600 books, many in Spanish and other languages, in preparation for this work. International Publishers estimates that he cites some 300 sources in the book itself.

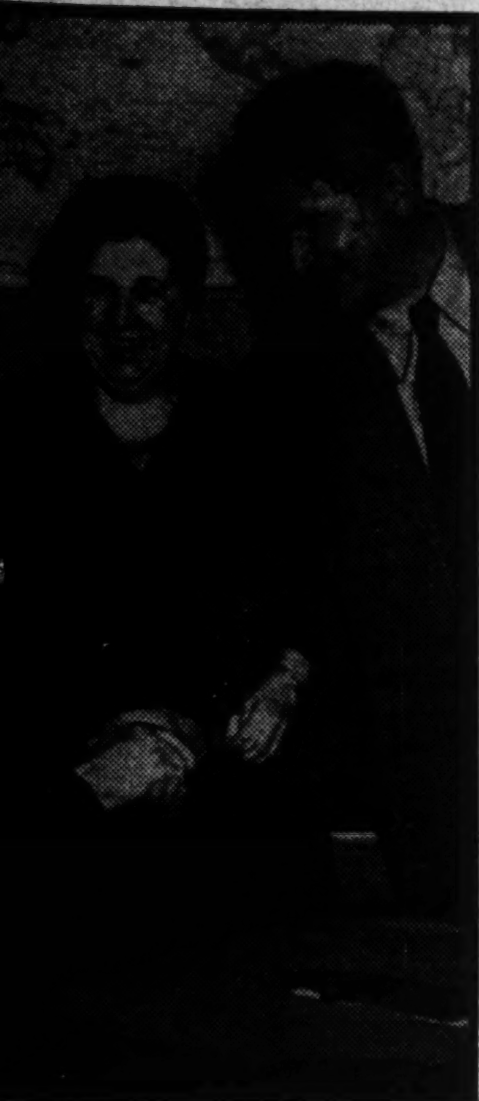
The book is unique. It treats America from the Horn to Canada in "one piece," outlines the history of the entire hemisphere—country by country—traces and analyzes the influences and traditions in each since the earliest known records of Indian life. He draws many new and fundamental conclusions that are bound to have a profound influence on both the labor movement now and the general Marxist perspective for the Western Hemisphere. It promises to open nu-



UNION LEADER, Foster addresses a meeting of miners in the 1930's.



# ISM



of his co-workers, Foster is shown right: John Williamson, Henry  
ist General Secretary Eugene



new channels for Marxist analysis  
number of fields.  
Foster said he found no book, even  
a capitalist viewpoint, that treats  
subject of his "Outline." The book  
for the first time give a comprehen-

ative historic analysis of the develop-  
ment and influence of the 60 million  
Indians and Meztizos and 45 million Ne-  
groes and Mulattoes in the Americas.

Much new light is thrown on the his-  
tory of the Negro people of the hemi-  
sphere and on the development of slav-  
ery in each country. As a result, new  
light is cast on the national question in  
the Americas.

Especially interesting are the results  
of Foster's researches into the develop-  
ment of imperialist influence and antag-  
onism on the hemisphere since the ear-  
liest days, especially of U. S. imperialism.

For the first time we will have an out-  
line of the histories of the labor move-  
ments of each of the countries from  
Argentina to Canada.

The volume is divided in three parts:  
from the discovery to the colonial revolu-  
tion; from the wars of independence to  
World War I; from capitalism to so-  
cialism.

Before I left him we shifted to some  
of the current events, especially in the  
labor movement. Foster was particularly  
emphatic in his warning that the con-  
fusion among the workers as to what  
country is responsible for the cold war  
should not lead one to conclude that they  
are for imperialism and war.

"However confused many workers are  
by imperialist propaganda, the masses  
are not imperialist," he said. "The basic  
fact is that they do not want war, they  
do not want imperialist expansion and  
they want to protect their unions and  
standards of living. They want to fight  
for peace.

"Their chief handicap is that the most  
of them believe that the policies of the  
administration are for peace and for  
their interests.

"The Communists must learn how to  
align themselves with the will of the

workers for peace while fighting the ef-  
forts of the reactionaries to confuse  
them. That is the key to organizing the  
workers for their basic interests. Therein  
is the strength of the position of our  
Party."

## A HAWAIIAN WORKER SPEAKS

By HOWARD FAST

(Howard Fast, distinguished novelist, is the author of "The  
Americans," "My Glorious Brothers" and numerous other books.  
His "The Brave and The Free" has just been published.

A word more,  
not a statement, I have no statement  
nor anything prepared;  
the truth is, I knew the question you would ask,  
and also knew I would not answer it,  
and silence is a simple matter,  
coming from a people so silent so long.  
But just this word, concerning answers, concerning silence,  
I would not have you think that I denied  
the party which is mine and millions' more,  
the party of the working class.

You asked me if I was part of that,  
and I do not answer. I would not have you think  
that any trace of fear or shame  
my silence moulds. The question is evil,  
not the answer; the answer is proud,  
and if unspoken, not less splendid;  
for it's my own peculiar splendor,  
who had none once,  
my own and my people's,  
and if I do not answer yes or no,  
this is the prerogative of freedom,  
or don't you understand? I think I speak plainly—  
You say, no more? Hold my peace,  
and no other words than yes or no,  
do I belong—or do I not belong?  
Strange little men on a tribune,  
even my own people,  
who neither read nor write but only toil,  
have dignity—  
but you are naked,  
naked men who call me un-American;  
but how American are my far-flung isles,  
squeezed so dry in your hot fist?



I tell you, there is an American brotherhood,  
stretched out a hand to me  
and called me comrade,  
and shaped me universally,  
is that American? I think, you see  
just thoughts—will you stop the thoughts in my skull,  
or do my eyes frighten you?  
or my brown body? Or my silence,  
which is full of fury? I only wanted to say, simply,  
in simple words, the only words I know,  
that I do not deny my party.  
My party is a red ribbon,  
all around the earth, and round and round,  
and when I stretch my hands like this,  
they're clasped on either side,  
and I am something universal.  
You will give me a year in prison,  
but in prison I will not be alone,  
not in a year or ten years,  
so be afraid of me.  
I am something to fear, such a brotherhood  
as mankind never knew before,  
and I will sing a song that will not remind you of men  
weeping.  
When you came to our white and lovely beaches,  
we greeted you with songs and flowers,  
and you filled our songs with tears.  
It was once like that wherever you went,  
but now you are afraid,  
and you ask questions.  
But did you ever think to wonder  
at the men you question?



## As We See It

Imaginary Hospitals  
and Far-Off Jungles

By Milton Howard

ON EVERY SIDE YOU CAN SEE evidences of a class  
that is dying, passing out of history. This class is the class of  
the top, private, owners of the nation's industries. One of the  
most signs of this decadence is the nearly universal feeling  
among them and those they influence that great tragedy hangs  
over modern life. A sense of doom affects the literature of the  
middle class poets, novelists and artists.

For example, the fashionable British poet, W. H. Auden,  
wrote a book called The Age of Anxiety. Leonard Bernstein,  
the conductor, wrote ballet music for this sad little subject.  
Sergei Prokofiev, the conductor of the  
New York Philharmonic Orchestra (financed  
by bankers and oil magnates), is introducing  
a new symphony written by a Greek composer  
who says his music depicts "the malady  
Man; self-destruction."

THE EMERGENCE OF "HOW-TO-  
BE-HAPPY" BOOKS and "how-to-have-a-  
better-personality" quackery as major indus-  
tries in our land only shows how deeply felt  
the need for some protection against the  
pervading chaos of "the free world." This  
need for a "revolution of the personality"

by way of expensive couch sessions with psychoanalysts,  
through probings into the sexual strivings of the infant or un-  
born embryo, is only another way of turning away from the  
more arduous tasks of social change. There can be no doubt  
that the mass scurrying of disoriented petty-bourgeois for some  
kind of solace in the guise of medical treatment for "mental  
health" represents in reality a political flight based on a wav-  
ering social outlook, on fear of what is happening in a dying  
capitalist system, or lack of understanding of this real world.

IT HAS BECOME A MAJOR DUTY of decadent bour-  
geois literature to persuade the future intended victims of the  
atomaniacs that the misery and anxiety they feel come from  
within themselves, that it has nothing to do with the private  
owners of industry who clasp atom bombs and threaten to use  
them. There is a very big market for writers who will pro-  
duce literature (preferably pornographic) that will emphasize  
how rotten people are, and how tragic it is to be alive. When  
the capitalist-minded artist demands freedom, he means the  
freedom to be rotten and to try to make others rotten, too.  
This he calls "true art" as distinguished from the vile art of the  
Socialist countries where the regimented peoples show their  
slavery by producing art that is filled with joy in life, with the  
vigor of work and the mastery of nature, and with a love for  
human beings which impresses the rotten men as naive. The  
main thing is to produce a literature and a "science" which will  
deflect the people's attention away from the criminal social  
system pressing down upon them.

THUS, THE WELL KNOWN BRITISH POET, Stephen  
Spender, tackles the question why do so many feel that modern  
life is so haunted and dreadful?

Is it the fact that capitalism has reached a dead end,  
unable to function as a going social order without the enormous  
devastation of periodic world wars? Is it that mankind feels  
choked and enslaved by the contradiction between our tre-  
mendous industrial productivity and the private ownership of  
this machinery that could abolish poverty and create joyous  
life for all? For this renegade liberal who is securely tied to  
the money bags of the owning class, our unhappiness has a  
different cause.

Here is his explanation:  
"The special twist of the modern situation is not that life  
is more terrible or more anguished than it has been in the past  
times. . . . What is special in our case is the extent to which  
the consciousness of each individual is raided by awareness of  
happenings in remote places which are completely outside his  
control and yet affect his whole existence . . . thanks to the  
newspapers, radio . . . our heads also contain imaginary hos-  
pitals, lunatic asylums and imaginary battlefields . . . our gar-  
dens are menaced by a dozen mental climates and far-off  
jungles."

What a perfect picture of the smug, cozy middle class  
philistine "artist" this is! It is our inventions that plague us;  
they bring us the news of world sufferings we otherwise would  
not know of—including the uprisings of formerly happy slaves  
in "the far-off jungles" of Asia and Africa. Thus unhappiness  
is a constant of life; capitalism has not increased it in any way.  
We merely are forced to hear about it more. The suffering of  
the working class at his own backdoor he can never hear or see,  
of course; it is only in far-off places that people suffer.

When capitalism is exonerated for suffering, that is  
known as Art or Science. When it is shown for what it is, that  
is "vulgar" or "loss of freedom for the individual."



# New Life on the Land of China

ONCE CHINA was a land where 90 percent of the peasants and farm laborers owned only 26-30 percent of the land. The agrarian law for readjustment of land property, recently signed by Mao Tse-tung, is the greatest and most thorough reform carried through in thousands of years of Chinese history.

In some areas the reforms have gone much farther than simple redistribution. The Ministry of Agriculture has established several State Farms where the most modern scientific agricultural methods are employed to raise production.

One of these is the Chi Heng State Farm in Hopei Province, covering an area of 2,500 acres. The Chinese people look upon this farm as a beacon light for the future of China agriculture, once among the most backward in the world. Most of the machinery has been obtained as a result of the China-Soviet trade treaty.



Students help with the harvesting.



The automatic combine harvester (above) in operation.

A group of workers (below) discuss how to carry out their part of the harvesting.



A girl drives the automatic combine harvester.

## It's the Bunk

By Robert Friedman

### Where East Meets West

UNITED PRESS: Stanley Whitaker, Southern Division Manager of the press service, visited Berlin, and found:

"West Berlin relatively bright, gay, clean. The shop windows were filled with good merchandise and there was brisk trading. The people looked healthy and were well-dressed. Car traffic was heavy." But in East Berlin—

horrors! "Beyond Brandenburg gate—the partition between the two worlds—the desolation was total, endless. There was virtually no traffic. The few shops I saw—many of them made of scrounged lumber—either were empty or stocked with junk."

BUNK. It has been repeatedly admitted that West Berliners throng to the Eastern sector to buy, at vastly-lower prices, in the state-administered stores. And,

BUNK. Stephen White, in the New York Herald Tribune, reports that Western Berlin "is drawing week by week closer to utter economic collapse. With unemployment at almost 300,000, about 30 percent of Berlin's labor force, White says "there is no reason to believe it will stop there." The condition of the rest of West Berlin's citizens is little better, he says. "It is a grim situation and a hopeless one."

### Very 'Broad' Indeed

JUSTICE WILLIAM DOUGLAS: The New York Times quotes the Supreme Court judge as giving, after his recent visit to Iran, "high praise for the Shah's present government." Justice Douglas said the Iranian government was "composed for the most part of young men who are inexperienced but have a broad social outlook." BUNK. Last April, the Times' C. L. Sulzberger wrote from Iran: "It is obvious that Iran remains a feudal state with a tiny wealthy class, numerically speaking, in a position of excessive power; with the nation's wealth insufficiently exploited and unfairly distributed and with corruption in the bureaucracy still traditional. . . . The wealthy class which dominated the Majlis (parliament) and cabinet and controls elections in this illiterate land by stuffed ballot boxes and forged ballots, multiplies its mistakes."

A "broad social outlook," Justice Douglas? About as "broad" as the Truman anti-Communist witchhunt and anti-democratic loyalty purge which the Supreme Court has thus far failed to condemn.



# 'Vatican and Its Role In World Affairs' A Distorted History of the Papacy

**THE VATICAN AND ITS ROLE IN WORLD AFFAIRS.** By Charles Fichon. 382 pp. New York. E. P. Dutton. \$4.50.

By David Carpenter

"WE NEED a theological varnish, but underneath it a sound political foundation." Thus does the great French dramatist Racine, in his *Memoirs*, quote Robert, the Pope's envoy at the French court during the 17th century.

Charles Fichon, the French Catholic journalist, unwittingly underscores, in *The Vatican and Its Role in World Affairs*, the correctness of Robert's materialist definition of the activity of the Catholic hierarchy and its fountainhead, the Pope in Rome.

It becomes obvious, in reading Fichon's book, that it is impossible for even a Catholic, although he may seek to distort history, to write the story of the papacy without making clear the roots and activity of the Catholic hierarchy in the class struggles of the various periods on the side of reaction.

FICHON cannot completely ignore the many hundreds of years of corruption of the Popes, when they acted as agents for the various ruling classes of Europe or were part of that ruling class themselves. So he shrewdly concedes—like a criminal's attorney—that these things happened, in order that the full

truth be kept out of the record.

Fichon concedes the sins, but blames them on the men who occupied the papacy, not on the institution of the Catholic hierarchy itself. And he dismisses the whole period of known corruption and dissoluteness of the papacy in one chapter, entitled: "Two Thousand Years of History," only 75 pages of the 382-page book. And of these 75 pages a large section is devoted to seeking to convince readers of the direct descent of the Popes and the Catholic hierarchy from Jesus Christ and his apostles.

WHY AN American edition of this book was published is puzzling to this reader, even though it has the approval of Cardinal Spellman and the okay of the book censor of the American Catholic hierarchy. Fichon obviously is aiming his book at the French Catholics, who, in this period, are weakening their political ties to the Catholic hierarchy.

Fichon is a shrewd propagandist, who seeks to tighten the bonds of the French Catholics to the hierarchy and the papacy by two methods: by an appeal to chauvinism and the idealization of the Popes of the 19th and 20th Centuries as great social reformers.

He therefore tries to convince his French readers that the Pope and his agents have during this

period been spying for and promoting the interests of France against the world, particularly against the Germans. Because of this, Fichon intimates, the French people should loyally support the Pope as a potent force for maintaining the power of France.

UNDOUBTEDLY, a German Catholic journalist, or an Italian, or an American, could make a similar chauvinist appeal to his countrymen on behalf of the papacy. The papacy, which is itself an international land and property cartel, naturally works with the state power of the capitalist class in the countries where its property exists to perpetuate and safeguard its own capitalist interests.

But it is when Fichon is dealing with social and economic affairs that he deliberately distorts history to give the papacy a false reputation for interest in the welfare of the working class and the poor farmers. He fakes meanings for the labor, economic and political encyclicals of the Popes in the last 100 years, which would make them appear to be aimed at protecting the working masses.

Fichon, however, does not let his readers see that the Popes were anticipating the Fascist rulers since World War I in their plans to tie the workers to the

capitalists through the so-called corporate state.

NOR DOES FICHON make it clear that the Popes in the last 100 years have attacked first the liberals, then the socialists, then the Communists in the efforts of the Catholic hierarchy to maintain the power of the capitalist class. And he does not show how the Popes only resorted to encyclicals on labor and social problems in order that they might split the political and economic power of the working class through the formation of Catholic "trade unions" and Catholic political parties, which were under the direct dictatorial control of the church officials.

There is one interesting little section in Fichon's book dealing with the Catholic church in America, which brings into the open a sore point among many Americans of the Catholic faith, particularly those of Italian descent, the absolute control of Catholics here by church officials of Irish descent. Fichon, without meaning to do so, shows how the papacy has deliberately carried through this policy, not only in the United States but throughout many other sections of the world.

Despite its many distortions, this book will be useful for students of the papacy, since it gives the thinking of hierarchy itself about its role and also unwittingly reveals much.

## Current Movies

**A LIFE OF HER OWN** (MGM). Iana Turner, Ray Milland, Barry Sullivan and Ann Dvorak in something about high-powered models, their frustrated lives and loves. It's really awful (Capitol).

**BITTER RICE** (Italian). The struggles of the rice workers in a section of Italy little known to the outside world serves merely as background for a trite melodrama about stolen jewels and unhappy love. (World.)

**BLACK ROSE** (20th Century Fox). Orson Welles plays a sinister 'Mongol' killer in this vicious anti-colored people's film which contrasts the 'civilized' white world with the 'barbarians' of Asia.

**GLASS MENAGERIE** (Warner Bros.). Gertrude Lawrence, Jane Wyman, Kirk Douglas and Arthur Kennedy in a vague, symbolic but frequently moving story of an unhappy group living in a dismal tenement apartment in St. Louis during the depression 30s. (Music Hall).

**KUBAN COSSACKS** (Soviet). Brilliant new Soviet musical comedy of life on a collective farm in AKFA color. One of the outstanding films shown at the recent Czechoslovak film festival.

**MISTER 880** (20th Fox). Edmund Gwenn is excellent as 'Mr. 880,' an amiable junk dealer who has a habit of going to his rich cousin 'Henry' for a loan when he is down and out. 'Henry' is a hand press for counterfeiting one dollar bills.

**OUTRAGE** (Ida Lupino Productions). Lurid and unconvincing melodrama about a young woman who is raped. (Criterion).

**THE BREAKING POINT** (Warners). John Garfield and the fine Negro actor Juano Hernandez wasted on a banal crime, murder and sex story.

**THE LAWLESS** (Paramount). MacDonald Carey, Gail Russell and Lala Rios in a limited but extremely worthwhile study of discrimination against Mexican-Americans.

**THE MEN** (Stanley Kramer Productions). The lives of paraplegic veterans in the postwar world honestly done. Marlon Brando is superb as one of the crippled vets.

**TREASURE ISLAND** (Walter Disney). Children will probably enjoy it even though the famous Robert Louis Stevenson adventure story, as Disney tells it, lacks flavor, excitement and imagination. Not an animated cartoon. (Mayfair).

**TRIO** (British). Three skillfully done but archly conservative stories by Somerset Maugham. At the Sutton.

**WALK SOFTLY, STRANGER** (RKO). Old stuff about the daughter of the richest man in town (Valli) who reforms a city slicker (Joe Cotton). Slow and dull. At the Clebs.

**WOMAN ON FIRE IS** (RKO). Formerly called *I Married A Communist*. Cutter sewage.

—DAVID PLATT

## JUST FOR FUN

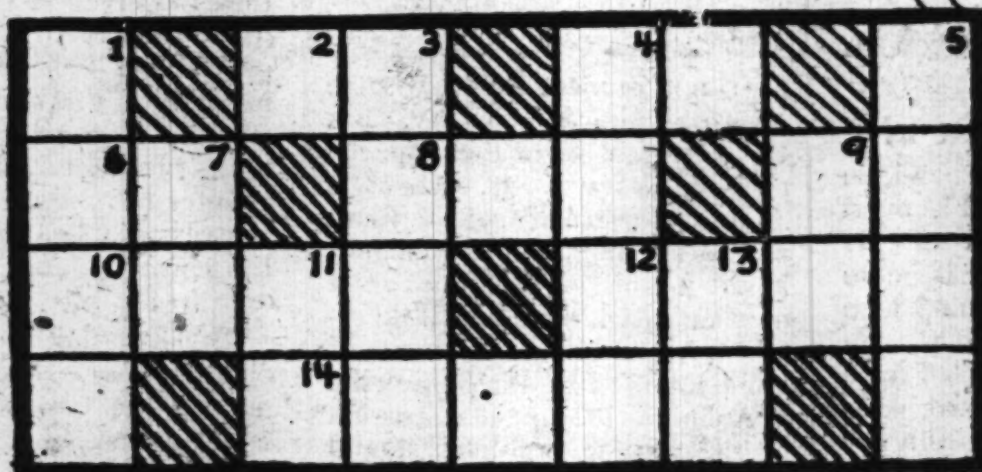
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### A SIGN IN CODE

Can you read the sign above?  
An innkeeper on the countryside of long-ago England hung it out to attract people passing by. It is not written in a foreign language. See if you can puzzle it out.

Here stop and spend a social hour.  
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Be just and kind  
And evil speak of none.

## CROSS-WORD PUZZLE



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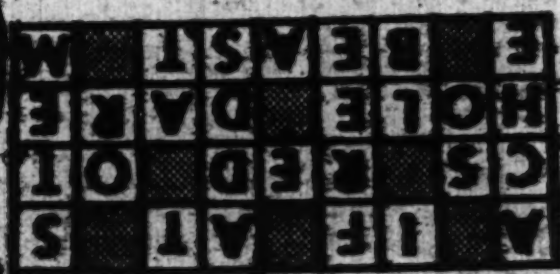
2. — I'm late, don't wait.
4. Meet me — 3 o'clock.
6. Abbreviation for chicken salad.
8. The color of a ripe tomato.
9. The word "TO" backwards.
10. When you have a — in your sock, you hate to take your shoe off.
12. I — you to jump over the fence.
14. Beauty and the —.

### DOWN

1. Isn't it awful when you have a belly —?
3. Land of the — and home of the brave.
4. A person — 2 and 2 to make 4.
5. We hold a flower by its —.
7. Remember when you were — big?
9. If some one threw you in the river, you'd sink — swim.
11. Abbreviation for pound.
13. This rhymes with cat and flat.

## HALLOWEEN FUN

Color picture; paste on heavy paper. Cut out on outline. Ask grown up to cut out places marked X. Paste on a glass, put a candle inside & light it. Surprise!





# woman today...

IN THE FIGHT FOR PEACE, EQUALITY, SECURITY  
IN THE HOME, ON THE JOB, IN THE NATION

## Women Workers, Largest 'Minority'

Employers do not really want to send women back to their "children, kitchen and church," any more than they really want to send the army of foreign-born workers "back where they came from."

What they do want is to use women workers to create and intensify divisions among all workers.

American workers are not a mass of robots. They are men, women, old, young, white, colored, Christian, non-Christian, native and foreign-born. The American workers consist of a

number of minority groups. But of all these groups, the largest is women.

Employers are quick to exploit this largest minority group for their special purposes. They found it possible to pay women employees less than the rate for men. This enabled them to drive down the wages of men also. They found it was possible to get women to work under the most miserable conditions. This enabled them to lower the working conditions of men also. They found it was possible to hire and fire women workers almost at will. This weakened the job security of men.

Frieda Miller, Director of the Women's Bureau of the U. S. Department of Labor, says: "It is an axiom of wage theory that when large numbers of workers can be hired at lower rates of pay than those prevailing, the competition for jobs results either in the displacement of the higher paid workers, or in the acceptance of lower rates by those workers. This results eventually in lower levels of earnings for all, with a resulting reduction in purchasing power and standard of living."

It is an elementary union principle that all wages go up in proportion to how effectively workers can enforce the rule of "equal pay for equal work." When working standards and



Tien Kuei-ying on locomotive "March 8."

job security are under constant attack, the fight for equal pay for women becomes an even more critical part of the struggle to protect the wages, working conditions and job security of all workers.

[Condensation of an article by Chan Norris in March of Labor, September, 1950.]



China's first woman locomotive driver Tien Kueiying was given a warm welcome on her arrival at the Harbin station, Northeast China.

### Facts on Women

The current (October) issue of Jewish Life features an article on "Woman Under the Double Standard," by Irene Epstein. The article, which is a rebuttal of the reactionary thesis that woman's place is in the home, as wife, mother and housewife, analyzes the exploitation of working class women under capitalism, and the triple exploitation of the Negro women. The author shows that the movement for the liberation of women is inevitably part of the working class movement for socialism, and describes some of the tremendous advances made by women in the Soviet Union and the People's Democracies.

### OUR READERS SPEAK UP . . .

Nearly one-third of our country's civilian labor force are women (over 17 million out of 62,835,000).

Out of every 100 working women, 92 of them work to support themselves or their families, to pay off debts or educate their children.

In 1947 when the median income for men was \$2,230; for women it was \$1,017.

When male hand bookkeepers in New York City earned \$89.50; a woman doing the same job got \$60.

In the clothing industry, wage differentials between men and women vary from 19c to 91c an

hour less for women.

#### OUR READERS SPEAK UP

M. S., the Irate Husband, in The Worker of Sept. 17, oversimplifies the problem of the housewife in saying that more help from the males would take care of the situation. This can lead to an attitude which I have seen in many people that male supremacy is measured only by how much a man helps his wife with the housework.

I feel housewives are dismissed too casually as "non-productive" workers in our study of Political Economy. It is true that their work is "non-productive" of surplus value and there-

fore not subject to the same laws of political economy. But this very fact gives them special problems as workers. There is no boss to strike against; there are no minimum hours of labor. Mass production methods and mechanization have had little effect on the actual amount of work required by the housewife.

A more thorough discussion of these basic problems should lead to a better understanding of what the housewife has to face. It would also help women get a better view of their place, as workers, in the class struggle.

GERALDINE A.  
New York City.

## 'Dog Tags for School Kids

By EVA LAPIN

SAN FRANCISCO.—The war-mongers have decided that the time has come to condition children, too, to live with the fear of war, to believe that war is inevitable. From a national and state level the huge militarization program engulfing our country has seeped down to the schools on a local level; the time has come to "alert" school children to the war program.

The first day of school many children came home wearing paper "dog tags." Each school selected its "bomb shelter" in the basement, and "alert drills" have been held daily in which children were marched down to the "shelter." In blocks surrounding the school buildings, homes were to be investigated for suitable "shelter spots." Parent-Teacher Associations were to be

thoroughly integrated into the "disaster relief" setup.

The schools initiated this militarization program and instilled fear into the children, but they took no responsibility for explaining the "whys" behind it. Principals exhorted: "If the children get upset, it will be the parents' fault."

It is no wonder the schools refused to take the responsibility of answering the questions of children. How could they have dared to tell the truth that there is no real defense against the atom bomb (except to outlaw it), when they were instructing children that if you crouch under a table and hide your head in your hands the bomb won't hurt you, or that they would be safe in shelters in the basement of old, wooden school buildings?

Parents want to protect their children. Parents want peace. Many, conditioned by the "war is inevitable" propaganda of the imperialists, may favor a civilian defense program, but they find it hard to reconcile even this with the terror-program being instituted in our schools today.

Through the Parent-Teachers Associations parents must work to clear away the artificially-induced war hysteria, to work on getting new school buildings and good educational curricula, to insist that true protection for children lies in working to outlaw the atom bomb, in peaceful co-operation of all nations. Greater "emotional security" and "mental health" for our children can be most effectively realized, in this period of war fears and hysteria, by progressive parents working to build a powerful peace movement in the schools. The real road to child welfare is the maintenance of peace.

## Minh Ha, Heroine of Viet Nam

Her name was Minh Ha. "We must not shed tears at her funeral," they said, wiping away the tears which reappeared against their will.

When she breathed her last she was only 23 years of age.

She looked healthy and fearless. She never felt tired or worried. She cared little for her own self. Her face was stern but her eyes were tender and full of compassion.

She was sent to work among coal miners of Hongay.

On Aug. 19, 1946, the French occupied the region of Hongay. The members of the Union Committee withdrew. Those who remained were caught, tortured and publicly executed, to strike terror in the minds of others. Their crime was that they had attempted to form a union. Minh Ha was also a member.

Had one soul betrayed her, Minh Ha's fate would have been the same, even worse, since she was a woman.

She went from house to house and encouraged people. She held secret meetings. On more than one occasion she escaped by a hair's breadth.

In March, 1947, she was sent to work in another area.

In the new region, fighting continued daily. More and more cadres were required to continue the resistance. Minh Ha organized political classes.

"If we run away in fear of French arms, because we are unarmed, we will never be free. We can and must capture arms. We may lose 10 men while capturing arms, but with the captured arms we will make the enemy lose 100."

She organized classes with remarkable success. The Committee of the province took recognition of her work and asked her to work on the Administrative Committee of the region. At the end of June, 1947, Minh Ha received an order to shift to another region.

On the eve of her departure, they held a meeting to which members from the district gathered. As the meeting was about to begin, the French troops suddenly swooped down on the meeting.

"I alone am responsible for calling this meeting," she said.

When the French officers knew that she was Minh Ha, they were delighted. They took her away in high hopes, and left the others.

All third degree tortures in-

humanly conceivable were used to extract secret information. "Long live the Democratic Republic of Viet-Nam," was her reply. She struggled till she lost strength and consciousness and swooned. They tortured her again when she regained consciousness. "You want secret information? Listen then!" she cried in a shrill voice. "You will be killed and destroyed."

Finding it impossible to escape or save her honor, on July 14, 1947, she tore her clothes, fashioned them into a noose, and hanged herself.

The French threw her body into the river.

After an absence of over two months, Peggy Dennis resumes as editor of Woman Today with this issue. Her column will appear on Nov. 13.

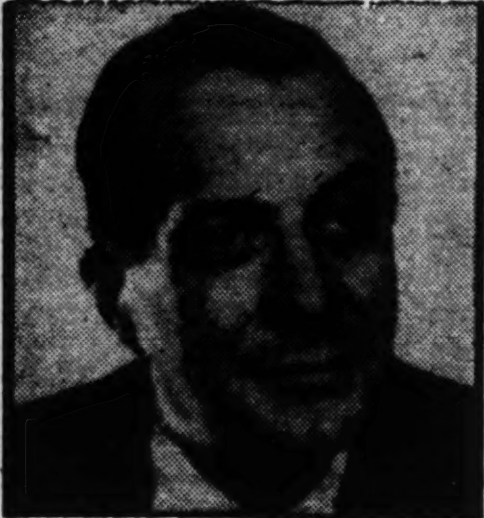


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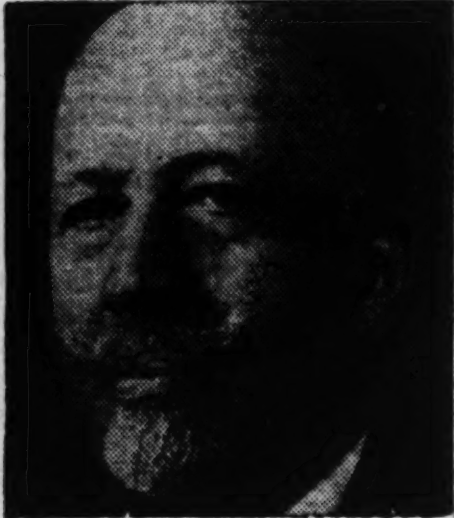
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For Governor

# BI-PARTISAN GRAFT DEALS ROCK N. Y.

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Blocks Schools, Hospitals*

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# GANGLAND MUSCLES IN ON NATIONAL POLITICS

PASSING THE BUCK

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# Mrs. Sentner, St. Louis Victim of McCarran Raid, Wins Release

ST. LOUIS.—Mrs. Antonia Sentner, one of the victims of the McCarran witch-hunt roundup of foreign-born Americans, was ordered released Friday on her original \$1,000 bail. The order, signed by Federal District Judge Ruby M. Hulén, set Nov. 6 as a date for a hearing should the government desire one.

Mrs. Sentner is the mother of three children, two of them small. A third daughter is married and is herself a mother.

The wife of William Sentner, an international representative of the United Electrical Workers and well-known Communist leader, Mrs. Sentner was arrested Tuesday when Justice Department agents invaded her home, separated her from her children and held her for deportation. She had been denied citizenship because of her Communist affiliation.

A native of Yugoslavia, she came here at the age of eight.

Both St. Louis newspapers, the Post Dispatch and the Star-Times, have carried editorials sharply assailing her arrest.

Mrs. Mary Anne Maki, her 24-year-old daughter, came up to St. Louis by plane from Carlsbad, N. M., with her three young children. She was accompanied by Mrs. Sentner's two sisters, Mrs.

Josephine Mattson and Mrs. Jennie Clark.

The three bore petitions signed by New Mexico residents urging the Attorney General to free Mrs. Sentner.

Sentner charged, before his wife's release on Federal Judge Hulén's order, that she was being treated like a "common criminal." In a letter to all St. Louis candidates for Congress, he challenged them to speak up on his wife's case and to demand that Attorney General McGrath release her.

## Start Drive to Halt Raids on Non-Citizens

A campaign to fight the illegal arrest and denial of bail to non-citizens under the McCarran Law was launched Friday at a conference sponsored by the American Committee for the Protection of Foreign Born. Some 40 representatives of community, fraternal and

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## CHANCE TO VOTE FOR PEACE STRESSED BY THOMPSON

"Peace is not an issue only in Washington," Robert Thompson, New York State Communist Party chairman, declared Friday night over WMCA. "It affects you, the voters, in the 11th Assembly District directly." The Communist leader, in a broadcast in behalf of Frances Smith, American Labor Candidate for Assembly from that Harlem district, declared:

"It is the people who foot the bill for the gigantic armament program, which has cost some \$6 billion dollars since 1946! This policy has cost the American people even more in higher taxes, higher prices, rising rents, in lack of schools, hospitals, housing—in all of the things the people need. It has cost even more dearly in the attacks on our Bill of Rights and democratic liberties, in growing terror and lynchings against the Negro people in the vicious un-surge of anti-Semitism, the Taft-Hartleyism and shameful attacks on the foreign born."

The Truman "Get Tough With Russia" policy, Thompson asserted "means in the last analysis, get tough with the American people."

### THE RECORD

"Let's look at the record and see who has scrapped the Roosevelt-Stalin policy of peace through negotiations and agreement," Thompson suggested.

He asked:

"Who is responsible for the failure to seat the genuine government of the Chinese people—the Chinese People's Republic—thus making it impossible for a real Big Five discussion and agreement? It must be said that it is the United States delegation, acting under orders from the Truman Administration, and hysterically egged on by the Chinese nationalist lobby, which has thwarted the desire of most of the countries to seat this new Democratic State."

"Who has refused to negotiate a peaceful settlement to the Korean war? The fact is that Premier Stalin and Soviet Foreign Minister Vishinsky have repeatedly

urged discussions for the peaceful negotiation of all differences."

Thompson continued:

"Who is responsible for the re-Nazification and arming of Western Germany in violation of agreements reached both by Roosevelt and by Truman? As I speak the Truman Administration is exerting all efforts to force the European Countries to agree to the immediate re-arming of Western Germany. This is the logical outcome of a policy of handing the government and business enterprises

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## Minneapolis Jury Brings in Anti-Bias Verdict

MINNEAPOLIS, Oct. 28 (UP)—A Hennepin County District court jury found a swimming beach operator guilty today of denying a Negro, 14-year old boy the right to swim.

Emil Engberg, operator of a beach at Twin Lakes, Brooklyn Center, Minn., faces a possible maximum penalty of \$1,000 fine or a one-year workhouse sentence. He will be sentenced Wednesday.

He was convicted of violating the state law which guarantees equal accommodations in public places to all persons. He is believed to be the first convicted under the part of the statute which extends it to all places of "accommodation, refreshment or amusement."

The boy was taken to the beach by a member of the staff at the State Home in St. Paul. Three white boys were in the group. Engberg admitted them to the beach but refused the Negro child's 15-cent admission fee and would not allow him to swim.

## British Clothing Prices Rising 25%

LONDON, Oct. 29 (Telepress).—The maximum price of many kinds of utility clothing (the price and quality of which is government controlled) are to go up by 25 percent, the Board of Trade indicates. Clothes made from cotton cloth, and knitted goods will rise.

The recent Wall Street grab of the best Australian wool for army needs will be felt later.

## ALP Makes Strong Bid for Legislature Seats

The American Labor Party, which was not represented in the State Legislature last session for the first time in several years, sees the opportunity of sending several spokes-

Manuel Medina, ALP candidate for Assembly in Harlem's 14th A. D. and Frances Smith, candidate from Harlem's 11th A. D. foresee their election because of the high standing their party enjoys in the Negro and Puerto Rican communities.

"The people are beginning to see clearly how the candidates of the corrupt parties rob them," said Medina, an aide of Marcantonio for many years, "how these confidence men also rob them of hospitals, relief, jobs and decent housing."

Miss Smith, a hotel worker, is known throughout the Harlem community for her efforts in behalf of Harlem's two-thirds who are ill-housed, ill-fed and ill-clothed.

WILLIAM BIANCHI, Republican-American Labor candidate for Senate in the 22nd District, appears almost assured of victory. His

defiance of Tom Curran's order that he repudiate the American Labor Party and Rep. Vito Marcantonio has won him thousands of new adherents.

In Brooklyn, two Negro women ALP candidates from Bedford-Stuyvesant are winning wide support in the overwhelmingly Negro community. They are Mrs. Enid Tyler, seeking election in the 17th A. D. and Mrs. Hattie Bisbane, in the 5th A. D.

Mrs. Tyler, 28-year-old mother of three children is active in every community movement as is Mrs. Bisbane who has lived in the area for the past 20 years, who until two years ago was an active Republican leader.

Several other ALP candidates for State Legislature are making a strong fight of it and some may come through, giving the working people genuine representation in the State Legislature.

## RECALL DAVIS WARNING ON 'PR,' AS GRAFT IS BARED NOW

Revelations of wholesale graft and office-buying in the New York elections throw light on the frantic drive of the political bosses to scrap proportional representation. The drive was finally successful in

1947. Under PR, the bosses were unable to buy and sell political nominations for Council. Citizens could enter as independent candidates and compete with the nominees of the machines almost on an equal plane. The system threatened the whole structure of boss rule and racketeer domination. Though confined to City Council elections, it could spread if not squelched.

And so the bosses got busy. Using red-baiting to conceal their real purpose, they were able to kid the voters into voting to end PR.

The result is that the City Council, composed of 24 Democratic machine hacks and one Republican, has become a useless and meaningless body. The powerful voice of ex-Councilman Benjamin J. Davis, Negro Communist leader, who repeatedly broke through the two-party stranglehold on New York politics to make his influence felt in behalf of the people, is sadly missed.

AS COUNCILMAN, Davis initiated and advanced the seven-year struggle to break down Jim-crow in the huge Stuyvesant Town housing project. Under his leadership, the struggle became the pivot of a drive to end discrimination in all New York housing.

Similarly, Councilman Davis became the spokesman of the popular struggle for decent housing, rent control, maintenance of the five-cent fare, democracy in all phases of New York life. He became the champion of the civil service workers, and the dependable voice of all New York labor. Especially striking was his leadership in the battle against police brutality, particularly vicious against the Negro people in the city.

The politicians needed to silence such independent voices. Hence their hysterical drive to end a system of voting which made it more possible for the people to elect independents.

## Liberal Party Deals Anger Its Members

By Max Gordon

Independent voters, including Liberal Party supporters, are shocked by the revelations of corruption within the two major parties, as well as exposure of the close ties of leading candidates with big business reaction.

The Liberal Party is squarely in the middle of this stench, with its support of Walter A. Lynch for Governor, Tammany's Ferdinand Pecora for Mayor and pro-Christian Fronters James C. Donovan for Congress in Rep. Vito Marcantonio's 18th congressional district.

Those backing the American Labor Party are alone in a position to say "We told you so," since the ALP candidates are free from the stench of racketeering. These candidates are not grasping politicians but were named because of their records of service in housing, civil rights, peace and labor fields.

The public has learned that office-buying is common practice in New York politics. First, the letter written by Lt. Governor Joe R. Hanley to a GOP foe of Governor Dewey told how he had been bought out of the Governorship nomination to make way for Dewey. The fact has also emerged that Winthrop Aldrich, head of the Chase National Bank, told Hanley bluntly that if he insisted on running, there would be no money for the GOP campaign.

Then the public learned how the Democrats sought to get Vincent Impellitteri to quit as candidate for Mayor with offer of a supreme court judgeship, and how Impellitteri held out for three other judgeships for pals.

Still to receive wide publicity is the charge that Lynch has been promised a federal judgeship if he loses the governorship race. This is supposed to be his reward for "sacrificing" his congressional seat to make the run.

FOR LIBERAL PARTY voters, however, the revelation that lead-

ers of that outfit were ready to barter their votes for Governor in exchange for a judgeship for a party hack will come as a special shock.

The Dubinsky-Berle crowd which runs the Liberal Party informed the Democrats it would back any Democrat for Governor in exchange for a state supreme court nomination for Matthew Levy in the Bronx. The Liberal Party leaders had even expressed readiness to back reactionary Appeals Court Judge Albert Conway, first choice of the Democrats, who had supported Jim-crow in Stuyvesant Town and had a consistent anti-labor record on the bench.

Now they find themselves backing Rep. Walter A. Lynch, who supported a loan for Franco, voted for the fascist McCarran Act, opposed Rep. Vito Marcantonio's repealer of Taft-Hartley. Lynch assails Dewey as the candidate of the Chase National Bank, which is Rockefeller-controlled, but himself is a director of the Middle States Petroleum Company, closely associated with the Rockefeller Oil Trust.

The Liberal Party is also in the Tammany-Pecora corner, linked with racketeer Frank Costello, in the mayoralty race. And it is allied with Hearst's Mirror and Journal-American in support of Marcantonio's opponent, James Donovan, who also backs Franco Spain, is an ardent advocate of the fascist McCarran measure, and a foe of public welfare measures.

ALARMED BY VOTER defections, Liberal Party canvassers are forgetting Lynch and Pecora, and centering attention only on Sena-

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## THE STORY BEHIND SEIZURE OF NEW YORK'S HOTEL UNION

A series of articles starting Monday, Oct. 30 in the Daily Worker

By GEORGE MORRIS

How goons conspired to seize the International. How Jay Rubin and his group turned renegades. How the hotel owners gained millions of dollars. How the rank and file is fighting back for its union.



## 20 Days

Only 20 days are left till Nov. 17, the day when the first four of the Martinsville, Va., Seven are scheduled to die in the electric chair on the frameup charge of "hope." The other three Negroes are scheduled to die three days later, Nov. 20.

With only this short time left, the Citizens Committee for the Defense of the Martinsville Seven has urged all organizations and individuals to rush telegrams and letters to Virginia's Gov. John S. Battle, Richmond, Va., to appeal against the impending mass execution of innocent young men.

The seven men were convicted and sentenced in a series of rapid trials by all-white juries. They were charged with rape of a young white woman, who has disappeared since the conviction.

# McGrath Ex-Aide Asks Court Halt McCarran Act Operation

The Worker Washington Bureau

WASHINGTON.—Prominent civil rights attorneys, including a former associate of Attorney General J. Howard McGrath, applied to the Federal District Court here Friday for an injunction to restrain McGrath and President Truman's newly appointed five-man "Sub-

versive Activities Control Board" from applying the McCarran police-state, concentration camp law.

Clemens J. France, of Providence, Director of the Rhode Island Welfare Department when McGrath was Governor of the state, accompanied Ralph E. Powe, Washington and New York Civil Rights attorney, to the court to file the applications. A hearing on the motion is expected sometime next week.

Joining them for the court battle were John M. Coe, Pensacola, Fla., attorney, who directed the suc-

cessful efforts that voided the so-called anti-Communist ordinances in Miami and Jacksonville, Fla., and Birmingham, Ala.; Charles P. Howard, nationally prominent Negro attorney of Des Moines, Iowa, vice-chairman of the Progressive Party, and Francis Fisher Kane, of Philadelphia, a U. S. attorney who resigned his office to lead the fight against the Palmer raids in the 1920's.

Powe, a young Negro attorney, participated in the appeal fight that stayed the execution of Willie McGee.

The application was signed by 135 individuals from 32 states, 28 more individuals than were contained on the application which was brought before the district court Monday. At that time the court rejected the application because the addresses of the McCarran act opponents were not on the petition.

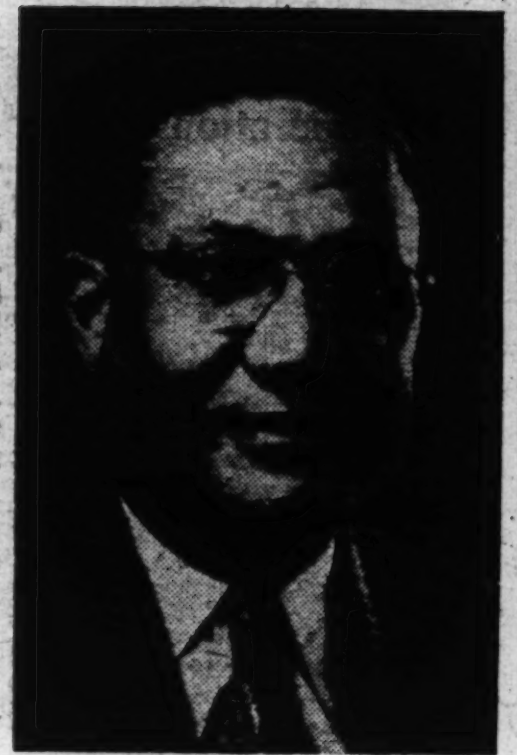
When the application was filed again Friday, everything was in order. The application was assigned a case number, and the case was then handed to the motions commissioner for assignment for a hearing before a judge, or three judges.

Labor leaders from the AFL and CIO, educators, clergymen, Progressive Party officials, representatives of farm and civic groups, and civil rights fighters were among the 135 signing the application.

They asked the court to declare the McCarran act unconstitutional, maintaining that the act was an "illegal framework for a police state." They said the act "has engendered a miasma of fear, to terrorize activity and thought throughout the country. Since its enactment, many now hesitate to exercise their constitutional rights. . . . To join with their fellow Americans for the achievement of economic security, democracy and world peace."

Among the signers of the petition were Prof. Louise Pettibone

Smith of Wellesley College; Dr. Alva Taylor, prominent Negro clergyman of Nashville, Tenn.; William L. Patterson, Civil Rights Congress executive secretary; Fred W. Stover, Iowa Farmers Union president; Elizabeth Curley Flynn, member of the National Committee of the Communist Party; James Smith, secretary of the Virginia Committee to Save the Martinsville Seven; John J. Cojack, vice president of the United Electrical Workers; Arthur Schutze, American Labor Party executive secretary; Larkin Marshall, Progressive Party leader of Georgia; and Philip Evergood and Anton Refregier, artists.



CHARLES P. HOWARD

## GOV'T REPORTS NEW RISE IN WHOLESALE PRICES

WASHINGTON.—The government reported a new increase in wholesale prices Friday. The Bureau of Labor Statistics said average wholesale prices rose one-tenth of one percent in the week ended last Thursday. They were

7.3 percent than last June 20 and 10.8 percent over the same period last year.

Commodities other than farm products accounted for most of the rise. They reached a postwar high that was 8.1 percent over the pre-Korean war level.

## ALP Asks Senate Probe Dem Deals Along With GOP

Sen. Gillette was urged on Friday to reconsider his decision for Senate committee hearings on only one phase of the American Labor Party petition charging election irregularities in New York State. The petition by ALP candidate for Governor John T. McManus called for a probe into the Republican senatorial nomination deal revealed by Lt. Gov. Hanley's now-famous letter and President Truman's appointment of former Mayor O'Dwyer as Ambassador to Mexico on the eve of the Brooklyn police-gambling scandal.

In convening the Senate Committee on Privileges and Elections,

Sen. Gillette said the inquiry would only probe the Hanley revelation that he was offered a lucrative state job and funds to pay off a \$70,000 debt for relinquishing his gubernatorial nomination and accepting the senatorship candidacy. Sen. Gillette, an Iowa Democrat, rejected McManus' request for a probe into similar Democratic nomination deals as disclosed by Act-

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## More U. S. Sponsors For Peace Congress

New sponsors and new delegates to the Second World Peace Congress in Sheffield, England, are coming in daily to the offices of the American Sponsoring Committee for representation at the world parley.

Already 17 representative Americans are listed as delegates to the Congress, which takes place Nov. 13-19, and the American Sponsoring Committee expects that a total of at least 50 will attend, according to Rev. Robert M. Muir, acting secretary.

Some 8,500 letters to prominent Americans have been sent out by the Committee. Among the newly announced American sponsors of the Peace Congress are Dr. Linus Pauling, atomic physicist of the University of California, Rev. Mark Dawber, Prof. Fleming James, Rt. Rev. Edward L. Parsons, retired Bishop of San Francisco, Bishop Walter Mitchell and Rev. Willard Uphaus, Religion and Labor Foundation. Earlier sponsors included Robert Morris Lovett, road to world peace.

former Governor of Virgin Islands, Dr. E. Franklin Frazier, Howard University, the Rt. Rev. John Moore Walker, Protestant Episcopal Bishop of Atlanta.

Emphasizing the American Sponsoring Committee's determination to obtain an American delegation representing all points of view and united in the common desire for peace, Prof. Joseph Fletcher, of the Cambridge Theological School, declared in announcing the committee's formation:

"The Second World Peace Congress presents a challenge to the American people to accept an invitation to meet and exchange ideas with people from all over the world and with all sorts of viewpoints, in a search for the road to world peace."

## Taking AP Strike Vote

Members of the American Newspaper Guild employed by the Associated Press began a strike vote Friday as members of the New York Guild gave assurance that in event of a strike the press agency's material will be regarded as "hot" copy.

Authorization for a strike was asked by the Guild negotiating committee following 10 weeks of discussion with management. The present contract, covering 1,500 workers in the U. S., has been extended to Nov. 4.

Major issues in the dispute are wages and working conditions, with the Guild seeking a minimum of \$120 weekly for experienced newsmen in eight major bureaus and \$110 in other news centers.

Management has refused to boost minimum pay scales, insisting on its right to dole out raises through its own so-called merit system. AP also refuses to consider a union demand for arbitration of all disputes.

## Wholesale Liquor Gangsters Probed

WASHINGTON (UP).—Senate crime investigators have sent questionnaires to American distillers seeking information on the extent of gangster "infiltration" of the wholesale liquor industry, it was disclosed Friday.

## Koreans Radio Appeal To Defend Fatherland

An appeal to the Koreans to defend the fatherland against the invaders was broadcast Friday from the radio station at Sinuiju, a town in Korea near the northern border. The appeal, by the People's Government of Korea, declared:

## Tire Prices Rise 7½ %

AKRON, O. (UP).—The Seiberling Rubber Co. Friday announced price increases effective immediately on most of its tires and tubes. Seiberling's increase of 7½ percent was the same as the price boost announced by Goodyear Tire & Rubber Co., Wednesday.

## German, Polish Youth To Exchange Visits

WARSAW, Oct. 29 (Telepress).—An exchange of youth between the German Democratic Republic and Poland will take place as the result of a friendship meeting held between representatives of the Free German Youth and Union of Polish Youth in Warsaw early this month. The young people will visit recreation homes.

They also agreed to publish popular pamphlets in both languages about the youth of their countries, and to exchange permanent correspondents for youth papers.

Joint meetings of young coal miners of both countries will take place on the border. Competitions will be held between work brigades in the two countries and mass correspondence will be organized. Radio Warsaw plans regular broadcasts to the German youth.

"Obeying Premier Kim Il Sung's order to 'drive back the American imperialists from our land with resolution, offering your last drop of blood,' people in the cities close to the border have held meetings and resolved to fight to the last man with the view of exerting an all-out effort in defensive fighting of their fatherland."

Units of the army of Syngman Rhee were hemmed in at Unsan and Sangwon, but later reported they had broken out of the traps, after being supplied by plane with 80,000 pounds of supplies, including fuel and ammunition.

One report said a unit of the Korean defenders had entered the town of Ichon, 65 miles north of Seoul, and seized food and military supplies.

A gain of four miles was claimed for the day by Rhee's troops.

A British brigade was pushing toward Chongju, 55 miles southeast of the mouth of the Yalu.

At Wonsan, the U. S. 1st Marine Division sent advance elements north.

## Canada Shipyard Strikes Still Out

VANCOUVER, B. C. (UP).—Negotiations were deadlocked Friday in the wage dispute that has tied up British Columbia's two largest shipyards in a nine-day strike. The companies and unions stood pat when they met for the fourth time with government conciliators.

## POINT OF ORDER

By ALAN MAX

### OH, THE COST!

Big business shuddered when W. Averell Harriman, White House aide, warned that our foreign policy would prove very costly. Everybody knows how much will be taken out of the pockets of the people, but few realize the sacrifices big business is already making.

One company has had to hire 10 more accountants to figure out how to avoid taxes on millions of dollars of war profits.

A big executive had to be forcibly restrained from jumping out of a window last week when he learned how many extra armored cars would be needed to carry his money to the bank.

The entire board of directors of a food company is in a state of nervous exhaustion from changing their prices every half hour.

Incidentally, Mr. Harriman, a director of a dozen of the country's biggest corporations, is making millions in war profits. The question still to be cleared up in the Truman-Harriman relationship is who is "special assistant" to whom.



# GANGLAND MUSCLES IN ON NATIONAL POLITICS

By Carl Hirsch

**CHICAGO.**—Organized crime turns a big wheel in the Chicago political machine and in the politics of many other cities. But the crime syndicate's operations are no longer merely local. The mob has moved in on na-



The body of Kansas City mobster Charles Gargotta lies sprawled on the floor of the north side political club where he and Charles Binaggio were slain last April 6. The portrait of Truman looks down on the slain man.

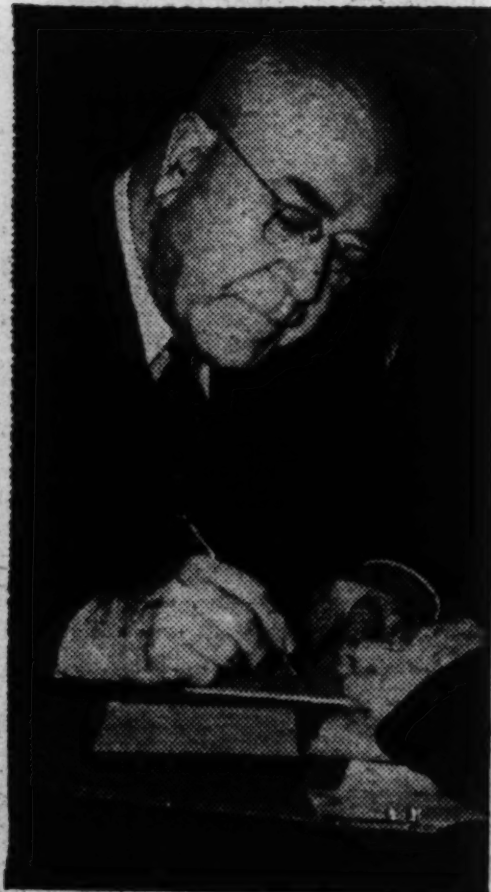
tional politics in a big way. And it is there for keeps—or as long as the two corrupt major parties maintain their monopoly on political power in America. The strength of the crime axis has grown enormously in the last half-dozen years. These are some of the centers of gangland's control:

The Ricca - Fischetti - Accardo gang in Chicago; successors to Al Capone; the Costello - Erickson combine in New York City; the Cohen-Dragna mob in Los Angeles; the Johnston-Russell interests in Florida; the Jaben-Gizzo successors to the late Charles Binaggio in Kansas City; the Costello-Kastel crowd in New Orleans; the Molasky organization in St. Louis. And similar groups in Philadelphia, Boston, Detroit, Cleveland and San Francisco.

THIS is part of one network that handles the \$10 billion gambling industry and other lucrative rackets, liquor, narcotics and prostitution. It produces votes through its vast wealth, its own system of patronage, its control of certain unions and "protective" associations and its ability to steal elections.

The crime syndicate has graduated from merely controlling local officials, prosecutors, judges and police.

Recent disclosures show that the



THOMAS J. PENDERGAST  
Missouri Gang

underworld was instrumental in electing at least two governors. And recent events in Washington reveal that men high in the Truman administration are obligated to gangland and act under its orders.

TODAY, the reputed chieftain of the national crime syndicate, Paul Ricca, is out of jail by the grace of the Truman administration.

Ricca, with the three other notorious Capone top hoodlums, were released from federal prison under strange circumstances after serving four years of a 10-year sentence for extorting a million dollars from the movie industry.

They were released at the insistence of two men high in Democratic politics. One was Maury Hughes, a Texas lawyer, a life-long friend of Supreme Court Justice Tom Clark, a former Texas Democratic state chairman, a leader of the Texas delegation to the 1944 Democratic convention in Chicago which nominated Harry Truman.

FOR A fee of \$15,000, Hughes went to see his friend, Tom Clark, at that time U. S. Attorney General.

Clark quashed a second count in the indictment against the four Capone hoodlums, which made them eligible for parole. He appointed two members of a three-man parole board. This board released Ricca and the others immediately.

The other leading figure in this scandalous parole case was Paul Dillon, a St. Louis lawyer. He got \$10,000 from the mob. He interceded and vouched for all four of the mobsters, clearing the way for their quick release. However, this was not entirely a tribute to Dillon's ability as a lawyer. More important was the fact that he had been Harry Truman's campaign manager on two occasions in which Truman was elected Senator from Missouri.

VIRGIL PETERSON, director  
of the Chicago Crime Commission,

CHICAGO.

that had flourished for almost three decades through murder, extortion and plunder.

But political debts must be paid. And many strange characters held Harry Truman's IOU's by the time he became President of the United States.

There is still much to be told about the 1944 Democratic convention in Chicago which nominated Truman to be Roosevelt's successor. The Truman stampede in the convention was engineered by the late Mayor Edward J. Kelly, who broke up a three-way split over the vice-presidential nomination with a high-powered drive for the little man from Missouri.

Kelly commandeered the full power of the big-city machines and fused the most corrupt elements in the Democratic Party into a pedestal for Truman's ascension to power.

In the convention hall, the name of Harry Truman began to echo from the floors, from the walls and from the rafters—through a system of rigged loud speakers. The raucous galleries, jammed with Kelly's ward heelers, made it sound as though all the world was screaming for Harry Truman.

The name of the future President was determined that day by Mayor Edward J. Kelly of Chicago, the man who reputedly cinched things for Truman.

Of course, the payoff to that story is that Kelly was the head of the most corrupt machine in the long history of the alliance between syndicated crime and politics. It was under the Kelly-Nash regime that the Capone organization converted to post-Prohibition operations, moving from the booze business into nationwide gambling,



THE LATE MAYOR KELLY  
Crime and Politics

extortion, labor racketeering and political power.

THERE is one other corrupt political machine to which Truman is in hock. That, of course, is the Pendergast machine of Kansas City, which converted Truman from a haberdasher to a President of the United States.

That machine produced pluralities for Truman which are staggering to the imagination. And when old Tom Pendergast's sins finally resulted in a brief jail sentence, Truman reacted in anger in defense of his political godfather. In fact, one of his first acts as President was to fire the U. S. prosecutor who sent Pendergast to jail, Maurice M. Milligan.

Over the desk of Jim Pender-

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## BUILD FREEDOM'S PRESS

Dear Reader:

America has 1,798 daily newspapers that are owned by employers, by members of the National Association of Manufacturers, by Big Business. Their strong opponents are the two newspapers that are supported and kept alive by the working-class: the Daily Worker and The Worker.

Throughout their history, these two papers not only recorded news: they helped to organize and lead struggles for our people's interests that have made news.

Thumb through the history of modern times and you will see it. Scottsboro, Sacco-Vanzetti, the drive to organize the huge open-shop industries, the fight for democracy, for peace, hundreds of other issues, were not merely recorded in the columns of these papers. The Daily Worker and The Worker crusaded on these issues, helped organize the struggles in their behalf.

This is so because ours is a different kind of newspaper. Not only does it print the news, it draws the necessary lessons from events and consequently, is a powerful factor in the fights the people wage to help themselves, to help our country.

The overwhelming majority of newspapers will not do that. The brand of the "kept press" of Big Business is on them. The same men of Wall Street who own the big industries and who sweat the workers for profits also own the big newspaper industry.

Munsey, who founded the New York Sun, now swallowed up by the Scripps-Howard New York World-Telegram once put it bluntly: "A newspaper" he said, "is an eight percent investment." That was his judgment on the press. But he didn't tell the whole story.

The capitalist newspaper represents the interests of the ruling class. Not yours. Which of their papers ever told the truth about your strikes, your trade-unions, your working-class problems? You know the answer to that. Daily they din into the ears of their readers that war is inevitable. They clamor for war against the Soviet Union, New China, the people's democracies. They misrepresent the honest, progressive aims of the Korean people and play Syngman

Rhee, the two-bit Chiang Kai-shek as a popular hero. Daily they apologize for the reactionary policies of Wall Street.

Did they, or did they not, support the Taft-Hartley law while the Daily Worker and The Worker fought it tooth and nail?

Do they not back the fascist-like McCarran Act, refuse to lift a finger to repeal it?

They support the lynch rule of the Southern Bourbons. In a word they are the kept press of Wall Street.

Today papers like the Daily Worker and The Worker are needed as never before. They can be decisive in the struggle for democracy when the McCarrans seek to extinguish the light of liberty. At such a time our press throws a brilliant flood of light which gives initiative and inspirations for the struggles before us.

Therefore we appeal to you our readers, as we have in the past, to maintain and build the circulation of our press. It is your paper. It speaks for you. It is responsible to you and you are responsible for it.

Our annual circulation drive will start Nov. 15 and run to Jan. 30, 1951. During this period we are out to increase the circulation by obtaining new readers, renewal of subscriptions which expire at the end of this year and increase the circulation through home delivery routes.

We urge you to join this campaign. We call on our readers to form Readers Groups, Press Committees, Friends of The Worker Clubs, to build the circulation of our press. Get your friends in your shop among your neighbors, among our readers to join with you in this effort. Become a Builder for Freedom's Press.

Reaction would like to destroy your paper. They have predicted its demise a thousand times. But in each case it was only a fool's hope which vanished. We will fool them again. Their hopes and designs upon our country must fail.

So we appeal to you in the next months to join the all-out drive to build the circulation of our press.

PHILIP BART, General Manager  
JOHN GATES, Editor

Watch coming issues for further details and goals in the circulation drive.



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## Challenge the Grafters!

THE DEEPER YOU DIG into the mess of the two old parties and their tie-up with graft the worse the smell gets.

From coast to coast, the voters see revelations that turn their stomachs concerning the tie-up between the pro-war political machines and organized crime and graft.

This is only natural.

The GOP and the Democratic Party are tied to the trusts, to the bankers, and the profiteers.

Making profit and protecting profit is their main aim in life.

The racketeers have the same goals. They are after the big dough. They themselves boast that they are merely in business "just like anyone else."

The organized graft in every major American city loots the people of money needed for schools, housing, hospitals and social welfare.

No major politician in Washington can hope for a political career unless he plays ball with some big corporation or some crime syndicate having "protection."

That goes for every old party Congressman, Senator, on up to the highest offices in the land.

After all, the graft of the municipalities is peanuts compared to the "take" that is going to the war profiteers and the holders of armaments contracts!

THE INDEPENDENT VOTER is given NO REAL CHOICE anywhere in the national elections—except in such places as New York or California where either American Labor or Progressive Party candidates are in the field. These are parties the bosses cannot buy because they are peace parties and social progress parties.

America needs such parties and such candidates as never before, if the people are to have A REAL CHOICE between graft and social progress, between war and peace.

The election of candidates like Marcantonio, DuBois, McManus and Paul Ross in New York would mean a tremendous blow to the grafters and war-mongers!

The "protest vote" can only find expression in the ALP and Progressive Party candidates.

Don't waste your vote. Vote for the un-bossed candidates of the American Labor Party or other independent tickets in your state. And let us learn the lesson of independent political action, challenging both the old party swindlers who are one gang hiding under different labels.

## 'Fool-Proof' Peace? — Here!

A FOOL-PROOF PLAN for banning the A-bomb is what President Truman says he wants. Otherwise we have "no choice" but to rush ahead to bigger and bigger armies, and more and more A-bombs, he argues.

Every country wants a fool proof plan.

After all, the Soviet Union wants it as much as we do. We are the nation that brags we have "atomic superiority," aren't we? We are the nation that has armies and bases thousands of miles from home, right close to the Soviet Union.

Why then did Truman carefully ignore the practical plan for A-bomb control which Soviet delegate Vishinsky offered before the UN just 24 hours before Truman spoke?

The Soviet plan says:

1. Outlaw all atomic weapons.
2. Set up a UN commission to enforce the ban.
3. Let this commission have the right to GO ANYWHERE at ANY TIME whenever it suspects violations of the A-bomb ban.

4. Let this commission vote BY MAJORITY without any nation having the RIGHT TO VETO ANY INSPECTION ANYWHERE.

What conceivable objection could we have to such a plan?

It would rescue us from fear and the armaments race. It would be a tremendous step toward a prolonged peace. Our children could grow up in security and peace. If Washington has criticism or amendment it should state them openly; but let us sit down at the table now before the war-makers shove us over the cliff.

An atomic war would not spare our own cities or streets, the scientists tell us. We must avert this disaster!

# ALP BARES COST OF GRAFT TO N.Y. PEOPLE

By Michael Singer

How much money has been stolen from the New York City taxpayer in the graft and corruption exposed during the mayoralty campaign? One conservative budget analyst said the figure might "reach a billion" but only the most searching investigation could ever fully dig it up.

However, taking the \$160,000,000 higher fare gouge which has been revealed repeatedly as a Democratic-Republican steal in behalf of the transit bondholders and the big realty monopolists, as a common denominator for gauging the overall pilfering of the city treasury, we can safely estimate that crooked politics has cost the public:

- 6 hospitals at \$4 to \$10 million each.
- 13 schools costing between \$2½ to \$5 million apiece.
- 16 health centers with a value of about \$3,000,000.
- 23 playgrounds at approximately \$100,000 each.

It has been charged by American Labor Party candidate for Mayor, Paul L. Ross, that a list of 200 Tammany jobs were used in City Hall to handle patronage demands. About 150 of these flunky posts are salaried at anywhere between \$2,100 to \$3,200 a year and another 50 are in the \$3,500 to \$6,100 a year bracket. This booty for the machine bosses cost the city around \$730,000 which could build a new Harlem Public Market, repair and improve the Harlem Hospital, or construct the much-needed and long-promised Bedford Health Center in the Brooklyn Negro community.

It could go a long way for towels, soaps and toilet facilities in decrepit school buildings and would eliminate much of the starvation-imposed relief cuts by Commissioner Hilliard. Were this money available hundreds of diabetic welfare clients in need of insulin treatment could be accommodated.

NO CITY OFFICIAL would offer any private estimate as to what graft and corruption by the two-party machines has cost the public in desperately needed services and improvements.

This is the true picture behind the headlines. The angry, disgusted voter scanning the mayoralty candidates is becoming increasingly aware that the underworld-Wall St. political grip in New York is not merely a conniving deal with biggies paying off more than \$20,000,000 annually to cops and high police officials.

It has been disclosed by Carmine G. De Sapio, Tammany leader, that the "independent" candidate, Acting Mayor Vincent R. Impellitteri, three times begged him for a Supreme Court judgeship for himself as well as two City Court and one Magistrate Court bench appointments for his friends. Impellitteri has accused Tammany of trying to bribe him with a Supreme Court post to withdraw from the race. The acting mayor has charged Tammany-Liberal candidate Ferdinand C. Pecora with being an intimate of Frank Costello, racket king, and of having been told by Generoso Pope, Jr., publisher of *Il Progresso*, and heavy contributor to Pecora, that "Frank Costello told me he's going along with Pecora, so I'm going along with Pecora, too."

The acting mayor, who for six years was Mayor O'Dwyer's stooge as President of the City Council, is no more a foe of the machine bosses, than either of his two major party opponents. He is the echo of former Tammany leader Frank Sampson, a close aide of Joe (King) Ryan, AFL longshore dictator. With Sampson supplying most of the funds and helping to

direct strategy is Walter Shirley, big-time realty speculator.

A strong report that has never been denied is that Republican money is helping finance Impellitteri's campaign to draw votes from Pecora and thereby, elect Corsi.

THE PRESS BUILDS up the graft angle and the corruption charges of all the three machine candidates but carefully buries the accusations and program of the only clean and un-bossed candidate in the field—Paul L. Ross of the American Labor Party. Ross was Administrative Assistant to Mayor O'Dwyer and quit his \$15,000 post because of the raise in transit fare.

Now head of the New York Tenants Council he has been an indefatigable foe of such giant jincrow landlords as Metropolitan Life and

led the struggle to open Stuyvesant Town to Negro tenants.

Two major exposes by Ross as presented to Gov. Dewey during the campaign have already been substantiated. One was the school graft scandal; the other the Hack Bureau tax medallion racket where emblems sold for \$5,000 to \$10,000 each. It was the ALP candidate who championed the demand for exclusion of the anti-semitic Polish fascist Gen. Anders from New York City.

As the campaign draws to a close it becomes irrefutably clear that Pecora-Corsi-Impellitteri are triple evils who are mouthpieces for reaction, war, hysteria and corruption.

The ALP and its mayoralty candidate Ross is the only answer on Nov. 7!

## Eyes of City On Marc's Race

By Louise Mitchell

FEW PERSONS at the vast Madison Square Garden American Labor Party meeting Tuesday night knew that Rep. Vito Marcantonio, who made the fighting keynote address close to midnight, had spent that whole day helping 11 evicted Puerto Rican families get back into their homes.

Highly untypical of politicians, the fiery ALP leader never mentioned it in his address to the meeting. He considered it part of a day's work, in or out of an election year.

Typical of the usual politician, James G. Donovan, three-party gang-up candidate against Marcantonio, rushed to 123 E. 108th St., not to help the tenants, but to have his picture taken on the spot by tabloid photographers.

The shouts of thousands thundered through the street when Marcantonio, after personally locating a city magistrate, returned to the scene with a show cause order to halt the eviction.

The campaign for a record peace vote in New York City was given considerable momentum at the enthusiastic rally. Speakers called on the audience to "go out and fight" for a big vote against Big Business' panhandling of political jobs.

Emphasizing the "unprecedented opportunities" for the heaviest ALP vote in history, speakers stressed the responsibility of returning to Congress the people's only true representative. Confident of victory, Marcantonio rallied his listeners with the call, "Give me the army and I will give you another victory for peace, security and freedom."

DESPITE THE THREE-PARTY GANG-UP, Marcantonio canvassers and street meetings are receiving excellent response. His record for better housing, schools, against high prices and needless wars is well known to his constituents.

In his speech at the rally, Marcantonio charged that "this is a campaign of political panhandlers, Mussolini worshippers and lovers of Franco."

He listed the record of Edward Corsi, GOP choice for Mayor, in support of Mussolini. He charged Acting Mayor Vincent Impellitteri, self-appointed choice of the Experience Party, with okaying former Mayor O'Dwyer's cut of relief, doubling of the subway fare and raising his own salary.

"The really horrible deal, however," he added, "was that of the Liberal Party in obtaining the judgeship of Matthew Levy. I charge that Alex Rose refused to go along with the Tammany candidate until the Liberal Party was given a judgeship. . . . This whole matter should be sifted by the Grand Jury."

HE ACCUSED WINTHROP ALDRICH, director of the Chase National Bank of "personally" threatening Lt. Gov. Joe R. Hanley and his managers "that there would be no money forthcoming for the Republican campaign unless Hanley stepped aside for Dewey."

"This constitutes the purchase of a nomination. I ask the Grand Jury to probe it."

"The ALP," said Marcantonio, "is the only party that stands as an independent force for real honesty against the corruption of the three other parties."



MARCANTONIO



# Gangland

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gast (Tom's nephew), there hangs a framed check for \$6. It signifies that Harry Truman is a member in good standing of the Pendergast organization.

TODAY the Pendergast machine machine again rules supreme over Missouri Democratic politics, centered in Truman's home haliwick, where a \$20 million annual harvest comes from racketeering, gambling and vice.

Truman gave uncontested orders on who was to be elected and who was to be purged in Missouri—up until last Spring. At that time, a new power was rising in Kansas City by the name of Charles Binaggio.

Binaggio, chief of the powerful crime syndicate, was too ambitious. Instead of the traditional "silent partner" role for the gang leader, Binaggio was trying to take over complete political control. When it came to naming the Democratic candidate for the U. S. Senate, Truman and Pendergast picked Emery W. Allison, a party hack who became notorious for the fight he had led in the Legislature to exclude Negroes from the state university.

BINAGGIO insisted on Tom Hennings as the nominee. It was then that Binaggio and his chief aide, were murdered. And no federal or state law enforcement officials have ever found so much as a clue.

To make it clear there were no principled differences between the two factions, Hennings, who won the nomination, was recently invited to the White House, where things were patched up.

THE FACT that the crime syndicate is linked mainly with the Democratic Party should create no illusions about the Republicans. The crime syndicate, like its "respectable" counterpart, Big Business—is bi-partisan and works most closely with the party in power.

The Republicans are trying to make political capital of the current crime scandals. And here, there is an interesting parallel with the Stavisky scandal which rocked France in 1934. The disclosures of graft and corruption in the ruling bourgeois party was used by the ultra conservatives in an effort to gain power and to hasten France toward fascism.

HOWEVER, the fact is that crime-in-politics has become a far-reaching political issue. If the lid were to blow completely off, it would undoubtedly reveal a cesspool on a par with the Teapot Dome scandal of the 20's.

In fact, the political implications of official corruption today are more explosive and deeper-going. Today, 25 years after Teapot Dome, this social system is that much more diseased, much too far-gone for any reformist remedies from silk-stocking leaders of the two old parties.

## CABARET NITE

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# Eisenhower Ready To Head Europe War

CHARLESTON, W. Va.—Gen. Dwight D. Eisenhower said today he felt it his "duty as a soldier" to accept the post of Commander of the North Atlantic Army if it is offered to him.

Eisenhower, here to address West Virginia's Columbia University Club, said he still was subject to orders from President Truman as his Commander-in-Chief.

# Liberal Party

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torial candidate Herbert H. Lehman. Here, too, they are in a spot in view of Lehman's silence on renazification and militarizing of western Germany, his public support of the recent demonstration for the Polish anti-Semitic fascist General Anders, his lauding of John Foster Dulles as a leader of American foreign policy.

Impeller, seeking to exploit the outraged sentiments of the voters, is posing as an "independent," hoping the voters will overlook the fact that he sought desperately to become the nominee of the Tammany bosses and is, in fact, the front for a gang of racketeers and politicians who want to replace the Tammany crowd.

Voters who want to sweep the city clean of this dirt and muck, who want decency, good housing, more schools, a curb on anti-Semitism and jimcrow, and peace are turning to the American Labor Party as the one party challenging the grafters and political racketeers.

# Thompson

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lock, stock and barrel over to former Nazis and Nazi sympathizers. The Communist spokesman urged:

"This is the demand which the voters of the 11th Assembly District and elsewhere must make clear by their votes on election day.

"Big Five discussions to save the peace now! Ban the Atom bomb! Halt the war drive! The Democratic and Republican candidates will not listen to the people's demand for peace. The Liberal Party, posing as an independent party, is not only besmirched with the Tammany Hall in this election, it has added to its record of shame the most open and crass endorsement of all of the Truman betrayal of the Roosevelt Foreign policy.

"Peace can be won, but you must fight for it. The danger of war is great but it can still be averted. Give your vote to Frances Smith and the ALP candidates and you will help strengthen the UN as an instrument for peace. "Vote Row C on Election Day."

# Howard Fast to Speak in Bronx

Howard Fast will speak in the Bronx Sunday night, Oct. 29, on his recent jailing in the fight for civil rights and peace. Fast will speak at 683 Allerton Ave. under the auspices of the Allerton Chapter of the Civil Rights Congress.

# Reach Pact to End Autocar Co. Strike

ARMORE, Pa. (UP).—Agreement was reached Friday to end the 21-day strike of 1,000 workers at the Autocar Co. plant here. The agreement, reached after a night-long conference between the company and the United Auto Workers, provides a 13½-cent "package" wage increase, and a quarterly cost-of-living "escalator" clause.

The pact will be submitted to the union membership Sunday for approval, the union said.

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## Manhattan

ABNER BERRY will discuss: "The Peace Camp's Answer to Truman's War Provocations," at the Saturday Review of the Week, at the Jefferson School, 575 Sixth Ave. Saturday, 2 p.m. Sub. 50c.  
"STORM OVER ASIA," powerful Russian epic will be revived for the first time in a decade, this Saturday and Sunday evenings, Oct. 28 and 29, at 77 Fifth Ave. (off 15th St.), plus a rarely seen Charlie Chaplin comedy. Two showings each night: Saturday 8:30 and 10:30 p.m., Sunday 8 and 10 p.m. A social with refreshments all evening in the Art Room. Donation 83 cents plus tax.

GIORGIO PRE-ELECTION DANCE AND SHOW, Saturday at Tompkins Square YPA. For the third week in a row the Lower East Side is playing host to New York funseekers. This time it's New York County YPA and a terrific program is lined up. Continuous dancing, entertainment, by YPA Peace Caravans and quartet featuring Sam Gardner—also Cozy Candell's Cabaret and refreshments. Don't miss this YPA Special! At Tompkins Square's large clubrooms, 95 Avenue B, (cor. 6th St.) top floor. Contribution 75c, YPA's 50c.

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MARKISM VS. PRAGMATISM, a roundtable symposium with Howard Selsam, Harry K. Wells, Joseph Nahem, Harry Martell. Sunday, Oct. 29, 8 p.m. Refreshments. Sub. \$1. Jefferson School, 575 Sixth Ave.

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## Big Audience Hears Robeson In ALP Concert

Paul Robeson sang to more than 1,500 at an overflow concert at the Audubon Ballroom Thursday night. The affair was sponsored by the 12th, 13th, and 15th Assembly District Clubs of the American Labor Party.

A heavy detail of 100 patrolmen, 35 detectives, and dozen mounted police were deployed in the Washington Heights community around 166 St. and Broadway, scene of the concert. Previously the ALP and leading citizens had demanded police protection as rumors spread that the concert would be subjected to another "Peekskill" attack.

William Mandel, ALP candidate for Congress in the 21st Congressional District, hailed the success of the concert as "proof of the people's strength."

## Polish 'Border Street' At the Irving Place

Border Street, Polish film of the Warsaw Ghetto, which won wide acclaim in both the American and foreign press, is now playing at the Irving Place Theatre, Irving Pl. near 14 St.

On the same program is Maxim Gorky's drama The Lower Depths.

## Round-Table Philosophy

"Marxism vs. Pragmatism" will be the subject of a round-table discussion Sunday night, at the Jefferson School, at 8 p.m. Harry Martel, Joseph Nahem, Harry K. Wells and Howard Selsam, of the School's Philosophy Department, will be the discussion leaders, with audience participation throughout.

The round table forum will be preceded by a brief reception for participants, with refreshments, beginning promptly at 8 p.m. Admission fee is \$1.

## Lawyers Hit 'Loyalty Oaths'

Proposed loyalty oaths for lawyers was denounced yesterday by the National Lawyers Guild.

In a statement presenting the position of its National Executive Board, the Guild declared such oaths would "undermine both the freedom and independence of the Bar and the constitutional rights of the people which it is the highest duty of the legal profession to defend."

The proposal was made by the American Bar Association, which had also endorsed the McCarran police state bill.

The Guild statement upbraided the ABA for succumbing to hysteria. "The most urgent duty of the bar at this time," said the Guild, "is to help stem the tide of hysteria and repression which now pervaded the atmosphere of our country."

## Mrs. Sentner

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labor organizations gathered at committee headquarters, 23 W. 26 St., to map mass protests against the arrests within the last week of 36 non-citizens and the Justice Department's announced plans to jail a total of 3,400.

Abner Green, executive secretary of the committee, told the conference the victories in San Francisco and St. Louis, where two judges have ordered the release on original bail of re-arrested non-citizens, that it is possible to defeat the Justice Department's drive.

Green warned: "Every single case has to be fought and every single case to be won."

Harriet Baron, Administrative Secretary of the Committee, projected a program of action including delegations to the United Nations and a pilgrimage to the Statue of Liberty. A plea was made for the presence of "hundreds and hundreds of people at Room 506, Federal Courthouse, Foley Square on Tuesday 10 a.m., when the committee will seek the freedom of eight non-citizens who are scheduled to surrender to the Justice Department."

A telegram presented to the conference as part of the projected mass protest campaign declared in part: "We condemn the re-arrests of 38 non-citizens in illegal and unwarranted midnight raids on their homes, frightening American non-citizen families and provoking hysteria and intimidation."

"We are completely and utterly opposed to the vulgar and crude methods which the Justice Department is using in its attempt to frighten foreign-born Americans into submission to thought-control."

The wives of three non-citizens now being held on Ellis Island were present and were introduced to the conference.

A telegram protesting the holding of Rose Nelson Lightcap in solitary confinement on Ellis Island was sent to the Commissioner of Immigration and Naturalization. It said:

"Strongly protest your holding Rose Nelson Lightcap in solitary confinement. Request decent, human treatment for this woman who has committed no crime."

The telegram was signed by Grace Hutchins, secretary of a special committee for the defense of Miss Lightcap.

## FRANCES SMITH TELLS WHY HARLEM NEEDS ALP

In a heart-to-heart talk with voters over WMCA on Friday night, Frances Smith, American Labor Party candidate from the 11th Assembly District in Harlem, revealed why thousands of Negroes and Puerto Ricans have warmed to her campaign. Speaking as a "trade unionist," who is a member of the Hotel and Club Employees Union, and "not a politician," Miss Smith urged her election as the first Negro woman ever to sit in the Legislature.

An active community figure for 30 years in her district, Miss Smith told of the rapid disillusionment among the 400,000 Harlem citizens in the two major parties, neither of which "is concerned with our problems."

These problems, she said, best "my people from morning to midnight."

"We sleep with them intruding into our dreams; we wake with them fresh in our minds," Miss Smith declared. "They gnaw through our minds, crying for solution." She listed the "worst difficulties of the people in the 11th A. D. as 'jobs at decent wages and at the occupation of our choos-

ing," inadequate housing, exorbitant rents, inflated prices, empty pocketbooks, and the need for better and more schools, playgrounds, child care centers, a "good, well-administered public market, and a community cultural center."

"Harlem, for years, has been dotted with Democratic and Republican clubs... from none of these political clubs have the people been able to get help of advice with their problems. This I have found during my stay in Harlem. No hand is ever lifted to aid, no lip ever parted with advice unless the political club can derive benefit with the coming of elections," she said.

## ALP Asks

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ing Mayor Impellitteri who told how Tammany offered him a \$28,000, 14-year Supreme Court Judgeship to withdraw from the Mayoralty race, and the O'Dwyer appointment.

Noting that the Senate Committee has scheduled hearings in Philadelphia on alleged election irregularities, McManus wired Gillette for information on the date for "similar hearings" in New York State.

"I would respectfully call to your attention that my petition proposed an inquiry not only into the circumstances concerning the Republican Party senatorial nomination but also those concerning the appointment of William O'Dwyer as ambassador to Mexico," McManus said.

"According to press reports your committee does not intend to inquire into the latter circumstances. I most respectfully urge a reconsideration of this decision," the ALP candidate concluded.

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# WORKER Sports

## PICK RAPID YANKEES OVER SOLID BEARS

Two of football's most powerful offensives tangle at Yankee Stadium Sunday when the New York Yanks and the Chicago Bears clash in one of professional football's top games to date. The Yanks with five victories and a single defeat have the year's most imposing record. The Bears, however, have won four out of five, in addition to a thrilling 34-33 pre-season victory over the Yanks at Omaha, Neb. Victory would move either club a step closer to the championship of the high-scoring National Conference.

The year's greatest New York turnout is expected if the weather is favorable. Some 20,000 unreserved grandstand seats, as well as remaining box and reserved tickets will go on sale at Yankee stadium at 10 o'clock Sunday morning.

Spearheaded by Johnny Lujack, the Bears have developed their greatest running attack since 1943, according to Coach George Halas. The seven-time National league champions "will score on us, like everyone else has," says Coach Norman (Red) Strader of the Yanks, "but we hope to outscore them."

George Ratterman, 23-year old Yank T-specialist, who was Lujack's rival and teammate at Notre Dame in 1946, heads the Gotham attacking force, and their personal duel provides a dramatic highlight to Sunday's encounter.

Official NFL team statistics emphasize the explosive quality of the Yanks, in contrast to the Bears' meat-grinder ball control. The Halas forces have stressed running despite the passing skill of Lujack and Sid Luckman, rushing for 920 yards and 59 first downs in five games to the Yanks' 880 and 41 in six.

Strader's club has chalked up a second place 1,363 aerial yards to Chicago's 776, and 50 first downs to 33. The Bears have passed for only one of their 17 touchdowns, the Yanks for 16 of their 28.

For sheer speed, no team can touch the Yankee backfield trio of Young, Howard and Talieferro, nor is big Zollic Toth, ground devouring fullback, exactly slow for a big fellow either! Young has begun to look unstoppable again in his last two games, and has surged back into the offensive picture after being relegated to the sideline. All the backs, plus pass sparing ends Edwards and Wiener, are dangerous pass receivers for Ratterman's lovely thrusts.

The Bears are good but the prediction here is the Yanks to outscore them in a thriller—say 27-21.

OTHER GAMES present the Giants at Chicago against the rough and tough Cardinals, Pittsburgh's single wing crews in its first crack at Cleveland's deflated team, the Eagles against Washington, Detroit vs. the Rams at L. A., San Francisco vs. Baltimore. Our picks—the Cards, Browns, Eagles, Rams and 49ers.

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Detroit	3	3	.500
Green Bay	2	4	.333
San Francisco	1	5	.167
Baltimore	0	5	.000

## Segura Best In World

As of right now, the greatest tennis player in the world is little Pancho Segura of Guayaquil, Ecuador, and make no mistake about it, the 29-year-old South American is good.

So good that, for instance, if he were eligible as an amateur, he would all by himself put his country into serious contention for the Davis Cup with two certain singles win and needing just a reasonably good partner to take the doubles from any American or Australian team!

There wasn't much of a crowd at the Garden Thursday night, a little short of 6,000. For one thing, the overemphasis on Gussie Moran's alleged glamor in the publicity kept genuine tennis devotees away in large number—and certainly so did promoter Bobby Riggs ridiculously high price scale.

But those who came saw one of the great exhibitions of tennis as Segura blazed right into the lead against big Jack Kramer, number one man for years, and stayed on top all the way with a dazzling display of shotmaking, court covering and general ship. The crowd was on its feet cheering him as he extracted the sting from Kramer's big serve, showed marvelous anticipation on every shot and just beat big Jack with better shots, better control—better tennis.

The scores of 6-2, 6-2, 6-1 accurately reflect the actual play. It was Segura all the way. Under-rated all last year while he was toying with Frankie Parker, he earned some recognition by beating both Gonzales and Kramer after the tour, but nobody much thought he could really repeat over Kramer with the chips down. Nobody except Segura, that is.

It was thrilling tennis right from the start. Segura received Kramer's serves standing inside the baseline, caught the cannonballs on the rise and slashed them back low, deep and sharply angled to keep Kramer from coming up to employ his overhead game. His two handed forehand, which he hits like a righthanded batter in baseball, was unfailingly deep and accurate, his backhand passed Kramer with ridiculous ease whenever big Jack moved up behind deep forcing shots. Segura never employed the lob, just whipped his shots down the line or across court, Kramer never got anything "fat" to hit.

For a while everyone waited for Kramer to swing into high gear and take over. Then the realization dawned that Segura was MAKING Kramer look impotent, that he was the new champ, the finest player in the world.

It was a big moment for Segura, who as an amateur was humiliated by the blue bloods of the Lawn Tennis Association because his skin wasn't white and his English not the best, who as son of a court-keeper learned to play with a big old discarded racket, so heavy that he had to grip it with two hands. There must have been celebrations for him back in his own country—for the best player in all the world.

THE OPENER was not nearly

so spectacular. Pauline Betz Addie won about as she pleased from Gussie Moran, and this bids fair to become a pattern. For those like this writer who was unfamiliar with the caliber of Mrs. Addie, champion through the war years, her play was an eye opener. She is much better than any of the women now playing, including Margaret Dupont, Doris Hart and Louise Brough, the big three.

## Clifton's Debut With Pro Knicks

Sweetwater Clifton, and Max Zaslofsky two of the big names in professional basketball, make their Madison Square Garden debut as New York Knickerbockers, Saturday night. The Knicks encounter the Syracuse Nationals in the wind-up of a doubleheader. The first game, starting at 7:30, features the famed Harlem Globetrotters and the New York Celtics.

This is a pre-season view of the Knickerbockers, who open their home league campaign, in the Garden, Nov. 9, against the Indianapolis Olympians. Cage critics rate this the strongest cast of Knics ever assembled.

Clifton was center and leading scorer of the Globetrotters for two years; Zaslofsky, the pro league's champion marksman in 1947-48 with a 20.9 per game average, never finished lower than fifth.

Back from last season are Harry Gallatin, Vince Boryla, Connie Simmons, Dick McGuire and Ernie Vandeweghe. Also added is Holy-Cross' George Kaftan.

Likely starters tonight for the New Yorkers are Simmons, Clifton, McGuire, Boryla and Kaftan. Newcomers with Syracuse are Gerry Calabrese, Don Lofgran and Belus Smawley, all well known to Garden audiences.

The Globetrotters are embarked on their 24th consecutive season of national tours. With the exception of Sweetwater Clifton they have the same first stringers, including Goose Tatum and Marques Haynes, the sensational dribbler, as last years when they won 234 of 244 games, which included a 73-game visit to Europe and North Africa, and their first appearance in the Garden. New men with the Trotters are Pop Gates, of New York, a star for many years, and Frank Washington, 6-4 center from Philadelphia.

### Enough Is Enough

PHILADELPHIA, Oct. 25 (UP).—For the third straight year, Steve Van Buren of the Philadelphia Eagles said today this is his last season in professional football. "Next year, I won't be back and I'm not even going to read about football," he said.

## on the scoreboard

by lester rodney

BRANCH RICKEY the new general manager of Pittsburgh, Fresco Thompson the general manager at Brooklyn. Burt Shotton surprisingly retained as field manager at Brooklyn. Check these predictions off.

PHIL RIZZUTO was the runaway winner of the American League's Most Valuable, and nobody can argue that one. Jim Konstanty is almost sure to win the NL away. These are the most clean cut awards in a long while. Last year Jackie Robinson was a cinch in the National, but there was a lot of controversy about Ted Williams getting it in the American over Rizzuto and Joe Page.

RAY ROBINSON, who knows the score from way back, is plenty cynical about that supposed middleweight title fight with Jake LaMotta, scheduled for Chicago in February. He's afraid of a runout by the guy he whipped four out of five times already. And you can't blame him after the runarounds he's had—mostly by the New York State Boxing Commission, which is Governor Dewey's property.

BERNIE BIERMAN is probably through after two decades as Minnesota head coach. The 48-0 shellacking by Ohio State was the last straw convincing even the twin city sportwriters who had previously tended to defend him. Truth is the parade has passed old Bernie by. Minnesota material is not nearly that bad. Those who blamed it all on the fact that he used the single wing instead of the newer T were shocked to see Ohio State's speed, power, and multiple ball handling deception wrapped up in an imaginative single wing. The contrast to the Bierman straight slogging was sharp. Another point against Bierman brought out is his constant emphasis that the team hasn't got it. "If the current 'Cophers are to believe the evaluation of their coaches that they just don't have it," wrote one scribe, "they could hardly be blamed if they gave up now and put all the rest of their games in the defeat column."

POLL OF sports writers named Casey Stengel and Eddie Sawyer as Managers of the Year. We'll go along with Sawyer, but would name Red Rolfe in the American. Not to take anything away from Stengel, but the Yanks were really much more solid than all the pre-season weeping indicated, and Rolfe went further with the material he had at Detroit. Bucky Harris rates a rattling hand for finishing fifth with last year's cellar team, too. Manager of the Year in reverse?—That man in Brooklyn who acts like a public school teacher on the bench, and puts mature men in a doghouse.

BOBBY RIGGS finding it hard to rouse any real interest in this year's tennis tour. The selection of Gussie Moran was a shameless bit of trading on supposed glamor, having nothing in common with the presentation of really fine tennis by women. The fans are not going for it in a big way...not at those prices. For cheesecake they can always take in a movie cheaper.

THE CHICAGO BEARS and New-York Yanks clash twice in the next three weeks, and that may tell the story in their division, although no one is yet counting out the high scoring L. A. Rams. Lots of angles in the Bear-Yank games. The respective quarterbacks Johnny Lujack and George Ratterman, were teammates at Notre Dame, and many insist that Ratterman is the superior ball manipulator and passer and should have been the Irish quarterback, with Lujack's great running talents used at halfback. Ratterman himself strongly thinks so and may be out to prove a point.

Each team has one tremendous fullback rookie—Morrison of Ohio State for the Bears, Toth of LSU for the Yanks. All three of the Yanks great Negro stars, Sherman Howard, Buddy Young and George Talieferro, will have relatives in the stands during the Chicago game. Howard and Young live in Chicago and Talieferro hails from Gary, Indiana, just thirty miles away.

ARMY COACH BLAIK'S blast at the pro game in Colliers is a phony from start to finish. He says the pros don't play for real football, just put on a show for dough. Of course the pros play for dough. The difference is they do it without the hypocrisy of the "amateurs" like West Point. What do Blaik and the other Army Colonels bring their team to the Yankee Stadium for every year—to build character?

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